

1-1 By: Krusee, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Ogden) H.B. No. 2522
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 24, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
1-6 May 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2522 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to financing authority for certain institutions of higher
1-11 education for facilities.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 55.1735, Education Code,
1-14 is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
1-16 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas
1-17 System may issue in accordance with this subchapter and in
1-18 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
1-19 the board bonds for the following institutions not to exceed the
1-20 following aggregate principal amounts to finance projects
1-21 specified as follows:

1-22 (1) the University of North Texas, \$52,933,750 to
1-23 construct a science building and to develop the campus and
1-24 facilities of the University of North Texas System Center at Dallas
1-25 at the location to become the University of North Texas at Dallas;
1-26 and

1-27 (2) the University of North Texas Health Science
1-28 Center at Fort Worth, \$27.5 million to construct a biotechnology
1-29 center and school of public health building.

1-30 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
1-31 amended by adding Section 55.1744 to read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 55.1744. SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL
1-33 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
1-34 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University
1-35 System may issue bonds in accordance with this subchapter in the
1-36 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$27 million to finance the
1-37 acquisition, purchase, construction, improvement, renovation,
1-38 enlargement, or equipping of property, buildings, structures,
1-39 facilities, or related infrastructure for a multi-institutional
1-40 education center in Williamson County for Southwest Texas State
1-41 University to offer educational programs and supporting activities
1-42 and provide facilities for other educational entities to further
1-43 institutional efficiency and coordinate educational programs.

1-44 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
1-45 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of Southwest Texas State
1-46 University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a
1-47 pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated
1-48 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to
1-49 refund those bonds, are outstanding.

1-50 SECTION 3. Subsection (e), Section 61.0572, Education Code,
1-51 is amended to read as follows:

1-52 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real
1-53 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
1-54 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.1735(a)(1), [or]
1-55 55.174, or 55.1744, except that the board shall review all real
1-56 property to be financed by bonds issued under those sections to
1-57 determine whether the property meets the standards adopted by the
1-58 board for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the property does not
1-59 meet those standards, the board shall notify the governor, the
1-60 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
1-61 and the Legislative Budget Board.

1-62 SECTION 4. Subsection (b), Section 61.058, Education Code,
1-63 is amended to read as follows:

2-1 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or
2-2 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
2-3 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.1735(a)(1), [~~or~~]
2-4 55.174, or 55.1744, except that the board shall review all
2-5 construction, repair, or rehabilitation to be financed by bonds
2-6 issued under those sections to determine whether the construction,
2-7 rehabilitation, or repair meets the standards adopted by board rule
2-8 for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the construction,
2-9 rehabilitation, or repair does not meet those standards, the board
2-10 shall notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
2-11 the house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board.

2-12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-16 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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