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H.B. No. 3350

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the
3 University of Houston System.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 55.1743 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 55.1743. THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM. (a) In
8 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
9 board of regents of the University of Houston System may acquire,
10 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
11 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related
12 infrastructure for the University of Houston System, including the
13 individual campuses of the system, to be financed by the issuance of
14 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a
15 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board in an
16 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25 million.

17 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
18 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution,
19 branch, or entity of the University of Houston System, including
20 student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this
21 subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which
22 the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are
23 outstanding.

24 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to

1 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
2 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University
3 of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
4 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
5 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

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