

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 3351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the replacement of research and academic facilities lost in Tropical Storm Allison.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 55.17321 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.17321. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL REVENUE BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related infrastructure for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the replacement of research and academic facilities lost in Tropical Storm Allison, to be financed by the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued in accordance with its systemwide revenue financing program and secured as provided by that program in aggregate principal amounts not to exceed \$30 million.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of the bonds authorized by Subsection (a) all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas System, including student tuition charges required or



1 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at an  
2 institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas System.  
3 The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced  
4 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
5 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

6 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
7 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
8 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University  
9 of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
10 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
11 entity to carry out its constitutional and statutory duties and  
12 purposes.

13 SECTION 2. Subsection (e), Section 61.0572, Education Code,  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real  
16 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)  
17 or (4) or Sections 55.1713-55.174~~[, — 55.1713-55.1718,~~  
18 ~~55.1721-55.1728, or 55.174]~~, except that the board shall review all  
19 real property to be financed by bonds issued under those sections to  
20 determine whether the property meets the standards adopted by the  
21 board for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the property does not  
22 meet those standards, the board shall notify the governor, the  
23 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
24 and the Legislative Budget Board.

25 SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 61.058, Education Code,  
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or



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

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.