BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 6
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.H.B. 6 provides for the issuance of revenue bonds for numerous institutions of higher education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, by adding Section 55.1751, as follows:

Sec. 55.1751. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) Authorizes the board of regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (A&M System), in addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing adopted by the board for certain institutions not to exceed certain aggregate principal amounts for certain projects.

- (b) Authorizes the board to pledge irrevocably to the payment of the bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the A&M System, including student tuition charges. Prohibits the amount of a pledge made under this subsection from being reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.
- (c) Authorizes the board, if sufficient funds are not available to meet its obligations under this section, to transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the A&M System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.
- SECTION 2. Amends Section 61.0572(e), Education Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 3. Amends Section 61.058(b), Education Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or November 1, 2005.