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S.B. No. 46

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds or other  
3 obligations to fund capital projects at public institutions of  
4 higher education; making an appropriation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Sections 55.1751, 55.1752, 55.1753, 55.1754,  
8 55.1755, 55.1756, 55.1757, 55.1758, 55.1759, 55.17591, and  
9 55.17592 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 55.1751. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
11 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
12 subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System  
13 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
14 equip facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
15 projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance  
16 with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue  
17 financing program adopted by the board for the following  
18 institutions and facilities not to exceed the following aggregate  
19 principal amounts for the projects specified as follows:

20 (1) Prairie View A&M University:

21 (A) \$15 million for deferred maintenance; and

22 (B) \$10,097,000 for the Child and Family  
23 Development Center;

24 (2) Tarleton State University:

- 1                   (A) \$12,360,000 for the Tarleton State  
2 University Dairy Center;
- 3                   (B) \$27 million for a nursing building; and  
4                   (C) \$27 million for the central plant loop;
- 5                   (3) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$45 million  
6 for educational and related facilities;
- 7                   (4) Texas A&M University--Commerce:
- 8                   (A) \$21,770,000 for a music building; and  
9                   (B) \$16 million for the renovation of the  
10 library;
- 11                   (5) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi:
- 12                   (A) \$20 million for a College of Business  
13 academic facility;
- 14                   (B) \$50 million for a nursing, health sciences,  
15 and kinesiology facility;
- 16                   (C) \$10 million for a library addition; and  
17                   (D) \$10 million for the performing arts center  
18 (phase II);
- 19                   (6) Texas A&M University--Kingsville:
- 20                   (A) \$10,600,000 for the citrus center building;  
21                   (B) \$17,600,000 for a natural resources  
22 building;
- 23                   (C) \$6,300,000 for campuswide renovation,  
24 including Rhode Hall; and
- 25                   (D) \$8,450,000 for a music building;
- 26                   (7) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$91,715,000  
27 for educational and related facilities;

1           (8) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$75 million for a  
2 multipurpose library building and central plant;

3           (9) West Texas A&M University:

4                   (A) \$10,581,000 for agriculture/nursing building  
5 renovation; and

6                   (B) \$18 million for classroom center renovation;

7           (10) The Texas A&M University System Health Science  
8 Center:

9                   (A) \$51,562,500 for a nursing and health  
10 professions education center;

11                   (B) \$45 million for a medical education and  
12 research building; and

13                   (C) \$60 million for a dental education and  
14 research building;

15           (11) Texas A&M University:

16                   (A) \$75 million for the Emerging Technologies  
17 Interdisciplinary Building; and

18                   (B) \$75 million for the Engineering Science  
19 Interdisciplinary Building;

20           (12) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$50 million  
21 for a science building; and

22           (13) Texas A&M International University:

23                   (A) \$25 million for the student success center;

24                   (B) \$8,474,000 for Loop Road and Chill Water  
25 Loop;

26                   (C) \$5,500,000 for the completion of the fine  
27 arts theater; and

1                    (D) \$1,026,000 for the completion of kinesiology  
2 facilities.

3                    (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
4 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
5 an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M University  
6 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
7 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
8 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
9 bonds, are outstanding.

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

16                   Sec. 55.1752. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
17 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
18 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System  
19 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
20 equip facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
21 projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance  
22 with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue  
23 financing program adopted by the board for the following  
24 institutions not to exceed the following aggregate principal  
25 amounts for the projects specified as follows:

26                   (1) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$70,430,000  
27 for an Engineering Research Building;

1           (2) The University of Texas at Austin, \$105 million  
2 for the renovation of the Experimental Science Building;

3           (3) The University of Texas at Brownsville,  
4 \$33,800,000 for a Science and Technology Learning Center;

5           (4) The University of Texas at Dallas:

6                 (A) \$27 million for a math, science, and  
7 engineering teaching-learning center;

8                 (B) \$23,650,000 for a student services building;

9                 (C) \$85 million for a natural science and  
10 engineering research building;

11                (D) \$9 million for the second floor and basement  
12 renovation of the McDermott Library;

13                (E) \$15 million for vivarium and experimental  
14 space;

15                (F) \$23 million for campus infrastructure; and

16                (G) \$8 million for vehicular traffic  
17 infrastructure;

18           (5) The University of Texas at El Paso:

19                (A) \$85 million for a physical  
20 sciences/engineering core facility; and

21                (B) \$70 million for the College of Health  
22 Sciences complex;

23           (6) The University of Texas--Pan American:

24                (A) \$7,500,000 for the Starr County Upper Level  
25 Center;

26                (B) \$16,400,000 for a research facility addition  
27 to the science complex;

1                   (C) \$15,500,000 for the College of Business  
2 addition and alterations; and

3                   (D) \$49,745,000 for the fine arts academic and  
4 performance complex;

5                   (7) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin:

6                   (A) \$54 million for a science and technology  
7 complex; and

8                   (B) \$45 million for an arts convocation and  
9 classroom facility at the CEED;

10                  (8) The University of Texas at San Antonio:

11                  (A) \$75 million for a math, science, and  
12 technology classroom building; and

13                  (B) \$90 million for an engineering building  
14 (phase II);

15                  (9) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
16 Center at Dallas, \$42 million for the north campus (phase 5);

17                  (10) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
18 Galveston, \$57 million for the Galveston National Laboratory;

19                  (11) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
20 Houston:

21                  (A) \$41,100,000 for a biomedical research and  
22 education facility;

23                  (B) \$60 million for a replacement building for  
24 The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston; and

25                  (C) \$15 million for research expansion (phase 3)  
26 of the School of Public Health;

27                  (12) The University of Texas Health Science Center at

1 San Antonio:

2 (A) \$60 million for the South Texas Research  
3 Facility;

4 (B) \$20 million for a center for academic  
5 medicine and clinical research; and

6 (C) \$20 million for a faculty office building;

7 (13) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
8 Tyler, \$26,400,000 for an academic health center;

9 (14) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
10 Center, \$40 million for a Center for Targeted Therapy research  
11 building; and

12 (15) The University of Texas at Tyler:

13 (A) \$7 million for the expansion of the Palestine  
14 campus;

15 (B) \$6 million for the expansion of the Longview  
16 University Center;

17 (C) \$35 million for a classroom building;

18 (D) \$48 million for the completion, renovation,  
19 and expansion of engineering and sciences facilities;

20 (E) \$1,140,000 for the renovation of the Cowan  
21 Center; and

22 (F) \$1,860,000 for the renovation of the physical  
23 plant.

24 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
25 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
26 an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas  
27 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge

1 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
2 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
3 bonds, are outstanding.

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

10 Sec. 55.1753. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
11 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
12 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston  
13 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
14 enlarge, or equip facilities, including roads and related  
15 infrastructure, for the following institutions, to be financed  
16 through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter  
17 and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program  
18 adopted by the board, in aggregate principal amounts not to exceed  
19 the following:

20 (1) the University of Houston:

21 (A) \$86 million for the Texas Medical Center  
22 Teaching and Research Center;

23 (B) \$64 million for renovation of science  
24 laboratories;

25 (C) \$37 million for the J. Davis Armistead  
26 optometry addition and neuroscience research facilities; and

27 (D) \$33 million for Bauer College of Business



1 building addition;

2 (2) the University of Houston--Clear Lake:

3 (A) \$11,783,120 for arbor renovations and  
4 additions;

5 (B) \$3,472,230 for an animal care facility  
6 (vivarium); and

7 (C) \$1,704,805 for police department  
8 administration facilities;

9 (3) the University of Houston--Downtown:

10 (A) \$35,140,000 for a classroom building at Shea  
11 Street;

12 (B) \$16 million for the Northwest Corridor  
13 Teaching Center; and

14 (C) \$3,500,000 for library expansion; and

15 (4) the University of Houston--Victoria:

16 (A) \$22,900,000 for an academic building at the  
17 University of Houston System Center at Sugarland;

18 (B) \$7,564,000 for student and administrative  
19 support facilities;

20 (C) \$7,466,000 for regional economic  
21 development; and

22 (D) \$1,800,000 for allied health facilities.

23 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
24 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
25 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston  
26 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
27 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the

1 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
2 bonds, are outstanding.

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

9 Sec. 55.1754. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
10 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
11 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University  
12 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
13 enlarge, or equip facilities, including roads and related  
14 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
15 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
16 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
17 following institutions not to exceed the following aggregate  
18 principal amounts for the projects specified as follows:

- 19 (1) Angelo State University:
- 20 (A) \$13,725,000 for infrastructure improvements;
  - 21 (B) \$4,770,000 for administrative building  
22 renovation;
  - 23 (C) \$4 million for property acquisitions;
  - 24 (D) \$2,100,000 for the Hardeman One-Stop Center;
  - 25 (E) \$1,500,000 for the archive warehouse;
  - 26 (F) \$1 million for fire and safety upgrades; and
  - 27 (G) \$750,000 for campus signage;

- 1           (2) Lamar University:
- 2                   (A) \$10 million for a facilities management  
3 complex;
- 4                   (B) \$7 million for an administration services  
5 building;
- 6                   (C) \$6 million for renovations and additions to  
7 the Hayes biology facility;
- 8                   (D) \$5 million for renovations and additions to  
9 the Lucas Engineering Building;
- 10                   (E) \$4 million for renovation of the music  
11 building;
- 12                   (F) \$4 million for renovation of the Tom Maes  
13 Building;
- 14                   (G) \$3 million for renovations and additions to  
15 the university theatre;
- 16                   (H) \$2,500,000 for renovation of the art  
17 building; and
- 18                   (I) \$2,500,000 for renovation of the health and  
19 human performance complex;
- 20           (3) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$4,200,000 for the  
21 renovation of technical arts facilities;
- 22           (4) Lamar State College--Orange, \$1,837,280 for  
23 Hibernia acquisition;
- 24           (5) Lamar State College--Port Arthur:
- 25                   (A) \$2,055,000 for a computer/learning center;  
26 and
- 27                   (B) \$1,500,000 for the campus central plant;

1           (6) Sul Ross State University:

2                   (A) \$2 million for the renovation and conversion  
3 of Lawrence Hall;

4                   (B) \$4,845,000 for the renovation of the  
5 Industrial Technology Building; and

6                   (C) \$3,800,000 for the renovation and  
7 replacement of underground utilities;

8           (7) Texas State University--San Marcos:

9                   (A) \$42,700,000 for an undergraduate academic  
10 center;

11                   (B) \$37,250,000 for a fine arts and  
12 communications center; and

13                   (C) \$40 million for facilities for the Round Rock  
14 Higher Education Center in Williamson County (phase II); and

15           (8) Sam Houston State University, \$10 million for the  
16 construction of a center for the performing arts (phase I).

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

24           (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
25 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
26 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State  
27 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient

1 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
2 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

3 Sec. 55.1755. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
4 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
5 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas  
6 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
7 enlarge, or equip facilities, including roads and related  
8 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
9 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
10 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
11 following institutions and facilities not to exceed the following  
12 aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified as follows:

13 (1) the University of North Texas:

14 (A) \$30 million for a utility plant;

15 (B) \$30 million for a life science building; and

16 (C) \$50 million for the construction of a College  
17 of Business administration building;

18 (2) the University of North Texas Health Science  
19 Center at Fort Worth, \$41,972,400 for campus expansion and  
20 construction of a public health education building;

21 (3) the University of North Texas Law School,  
22 \$20,200,000 for educational and related facilities; and

23 (4) the University of North Texas Dallas Campus, \$38  
24 million for a general academic building.

25 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
26 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
27 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas

1 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
2 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
3 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
4 bonds, are outstanding.

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

11 Sec. 55.1756. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) In addition  
12 to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of  
13 regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire, purchase,  
14 construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip facilities,  
15 including roads and related infrastructure, for renovations and  
16 additions to the science building on the Denton campus of Texas  
17 Woman's University, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in  
18 accordance with this subchapter in an aggregate principal amount  
19 not to exceed \$24,155,235.

20 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
21 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
22 Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The  
23 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
24 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
25 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

26 Sec. 55.1757. MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL  
27 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this

1 subchapter, the board of regents of Midwestern State University may  
2 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
3 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
4 projects at Midwestern State University, to be financed through the  
5 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter not to exceed  
6 the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects  
7 specified as follows:

8 (1) \$10,700,000 for the renovation of the D. L. Ligon  
9 Building;

10 (2) \$3 million for the Performing Arts Center;

11 (3) \$3 million for the Fowler Engineering Building;

12 (4) \$1,500,000 for university parking lots and road  
13 repair;

14 (5) \$1 million for the renovation of Bolin Science  
15 Hall;

16 (6) \$500,000 for the repair and replacement of campus  
17 roofs; and

18 (7) \$300,000 for the renovation of the McGaha  
19 Building.

20 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
21 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
22 Midwestern State University, including student tuition charges.  
23 The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced  
24 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
25 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

26 Sec. 55.1758. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) In  
27 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the

1 board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may acquire,  
2 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
3 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
4 projects at Stephen F. Austin University, to be financed through  
5 the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter not to  
6 exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects  
7 specified as follows:

8 (1) \$25,222,500 for an education research facility;

9 (2) \$19,450,000 for a physical plant/campus services  
10 complex;

11 (3) \$17,725,000 for a campus deferred maintenance  
12 reduction plan;

13 (4) \$14,483,000 for a nursing building; and

14 (5) \$6,274,500 for the renovation of the Stephen F.  
15 Austin Theater.

16 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
17 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
18 Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition  
19 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not  
20 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is  
21 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

22 Sec. 55.1759. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
23 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
24 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University  
25 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
26 enlarge, or equip facilities, including roads and related  
27 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of



1 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
2 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board not to  
3 exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects  
4 specified as follows:

5 (1) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

6 (A) \$95 million for the El Paso Medical Science  
7 Building II;

8 (B) \$20 million for the biomedical research  
9 facility;

10 (C) \$12 million for the Amarillo research  
11 facility;

12 (D) \$8,900,000 for the School of Pharmacy  
13 expansion in Amarillo;

14 (E) \$7 million for the El Paso Medical Science  
15 Building I fit out and backfill renovation; and

16 (F) \$4,600,000 for the School of Pharmacy in  
17 Dallas; and

18 (2) Texas Tech University:

19 (A) \$50 million for a classroom modernization  
20 project;

21 (B) \$50 million for the expansion and renovation  
22 of College of Engineering facilities;

23 (C) \$25 million for the renovation of a classroom  
24 building;

25 (D) \$25 million for the Rawls College of Business  
26 Administration building; and

27 (E) \$7,500,000 for a law school trial

1 advocacy/education center.

2 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
3 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
4 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University  
5 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
6 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
7 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
8 bonds, are outstanding.

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

15 Sec. 55.17591. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL  
16 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
17 subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may  
18 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
19 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
20 projects at Texas Southern University, to be financed through the  
21 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter not to exceed  
22 the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects  
23 specified as follows:

- 24 (1) \$46 million for the Robert Terry Library;  
25 (2) \$45 million for a fine arts building;  
26 (3) \$35 million for the School of Science and  
27 Technology;

- 1           (4) \$33 million for a campus infrastructure project;
- 2           (5) \$30 million for a multipurpose Academic Center
- 3 (MAC);
- 4           (6) \$15 million for deferred maintenance projects; and
- 5           (7) \$5 million for a research center on human and
- 6 materials science performance.

7           (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
8 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
9 Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The  
10 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
11 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
12 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

13           Sec. 55.17592. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM.

14           (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,  
15 the board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may  
16 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
17 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related  
18 infrastructure for projects to be financed by the issuance of bonds  
19 in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
20 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
21 following institutions not to exceed the following aggregate  
22 principal amounts for the projects specified as follows:

- 23           (1) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen:
  - 24                   (A) \$4 million for the construction of an
  - 25 academic building;
  - 26                   (B) \$1,410,000 for the construction of streets;
  - 27                   (C) \$1,115,000 for the demolition of World War II

1 era buildings and portable buildings;

2 (D) \$760,000 for the development of sidewalks,  
3 landscaping, lighting, and irrigation; and

4 (E) \$200,000 for the development of signage and  
5 wayfinding;

6 (2) Texas State Technical College--Marshall,  
7 \$2,300,000 for a diesel equipment technology building;

8 (3) Texas State Technical College--Waco:

9 (A) \$10 million for a learning services center;

10 (B) \$4,000,500 for lighting and utility  
11 replacement; and

12 (C) \$3,472,800 for HVAC replacement; and

13 (4) Texas State Technical College--West Texas:

14 (A) \$1,972,575 for remodeling the Brownwood  
15 Center; and

16 (B) \$1,811,758 for remodeling the Abilene  
17 Center.

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

25 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
26 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
27 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State

1 Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
2 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
3 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

4 SECTION 2. Section 61.0572(e), Education Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real  
7 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)  
8 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.1735(a)(1), 55.174,  
9 55.1742, 55.1743, [~~or~~] 55.1744, or 55.1751-55.17592, except that  
10 the board shall review all real property to be financed by bonds  
11 issued under those sections to determine whether the property meets  
12 the standards adopted by the board for cost, efficiency, and space  
13 use. If the property does not meet those standards, the board shall  
14 notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the  
15 house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board.

16 SECTION 3. Section 61.058(b), Education Code, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or  
19 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)  
20 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.174, 55.1742,  
21 55.1743, [~~or~~] 55.1744, or 55.1751-55.17592, except that the board  
22 shall review all construction, repair, or rehabilitation to be  
23 financed by bonds issued under those sections to determine whether  
24 the construction, rehabilitation, or repair meets the standards  
25 adopted by board rule for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the  
26 construction, rehabilitation, or repair does not meet those  
27 standards, the board shall notify the governor, the lieutenant

1 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
2 Legislative Budget Board.

3 SECTION 4. Section 1371.001(4), Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (4) "Issuer" means:

6 (A) a home-rule municipality that:

7 (i) adopted its charter under Section 5,  
8 Article XI, Texas Constitution;

9 (ii) has a population of 50,000 or more; and

10 (iii) has outstanding long-term  
11 indebtedness that is rated by a nationally recognized rating agency  
12 for municipal securities in one of the four highest rating  
13 categories for a long-term obligation;

14 (B) a conservation and reclamation district  
15 created and organized as a river authority under Section 52,  
16 Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution;

17 (C) a joint powers agency organized and operating  
18 under Chapter 163, Utilities Code;

19 (D) a metropolitan rapid transit authority or  
20 regional transportation authority created, organized, and  
21 operating under Chapter 451 or 452, Transportation Code;

22 (E) a conservation and reclamation district  
23 organized or operating as a navigation district under Section 52,  
24 Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution;

25 (F) a district organized or operating under  
26 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, that has all or part of  
27 two or more municipalities within its boundaries;

1 (G) a state agency, including a state institution  
2 of higher education;

3 (H) a hospital authority created or operating  
4 under Chapter 262 or 264, Health and Safety Code, in a county that:

5 (i) has a population of more than 3.3  
6 million; or

7 (ii) is included, in whole or in part, in a  
8 standard metropolitan statistical area of this state that includes  
9 a county with a population of more than 2.2 million;

10 (I) a hospital district in a county that has a  
11 population of more than two million;

12 (J) a nonprofit corporation organized to  
13 exercise the powers of a higher education loan authority under  
14 Section 53B.47(e), Education Code;

15 (K) a county:

16 (i) that has a population of 3.3 million or  
17 more; or

18 (ii) that, on the date of issuance of  
19 obligations under this chapter, has authorized, outstanding, or any  
20 combination of authorized and outstanding, indebtedness of at least  
21 \$100 million secured by and payable from the county's ad valorem  
22 taxes and the authorized long-term indebtedness of which is rated  
23 by a nationally recognized rating agency of securities issued by  
24 local governments in one of the four highest rating categories for a  
25 long-term obligation;

26 (L) an independent school district that has an  
27 average daily attendance of 50,000 or more as determined under

1 Section 42.005, Education Code;

2 (M) a municipality or county operating under  
3 Chapter 334, Local Government Code; [~~or~~]

4 (N) a district created under Chapter 335, Local  
5 Government Code; or

6 (O) a junior college district that has a total  
7 headcount enrollment of 40,000 or more based on enrollment in the  
8 most recent regular semester.

9 SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated to the respective  
10 institutions of higher education \$108,000,000 in General Revenue  
11 for the 2006-07 biennium for the purpose of paying debt service on  
12 the bonds authorized by this Act. The debt service appropriations  
13 shall be transferred to affected institutions of higher education  
14 based on a plan developed by the Texas Higher Education  
15 Coordinating Board and approved by the Legislative Budget Board.

16 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect any authority or  
17 restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of  
18 higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed  
19 by bonds authorized by this Act.

20 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
25 legislative session.