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S.B. No. 857

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the Center for Academic Medicine and Clinical Research.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 55.175 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.175. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL 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, or other facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, including the Center for Academic Medicine and Clinical Research, to be financed by the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program and secured as provided by that program, in the aggregate principal amount of \$20 million.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of 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. The amount of a pledge 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 Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
7 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
8 entity to carry out its constitutional and statutory duties and
9 purposes.

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

12 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real
13 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
14 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.1735(a)(1) 55.174,
15 55.1742, 55.1743, [or] 55.1744, or 55.175, except that the board
16 shall review all real property to be financed by bonds issued under
17 those sections to determine whether the property meets the
18 standards adopted by the board for cost, efficiency, and space use.
19 If the property does not meet those standards, the board shall
20 notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
21 house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board.

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

24 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or
25 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
26 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.174, 55.1742,
27 55.1743, [or] 55.1744, or 55.175, except that the board shall

1 review all construction, repair, or rehabilitation to be financed
2 by bonds issued under those sections to determine whether the
3 construction, rehabilitation, or repair meets the standards
4 adopted by board rule for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the
5 construction, rehabilitation, or repair does not meet those
6 standards, the board shall notify the governor, the lieutenant
7 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
8 Legislative Budget Board.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.