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S.B. No. 931

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The
3 University of Texas--Pan American for construction and renovation
4 to accommodate institutional growth.

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 Section 55.17521 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.17521. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
9 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
10 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System
11 may issue in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with
12 a systemwide revenue financing program and secured as provided by
13 that program, bonds for The University of Texas--Pan American not
14 to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts to finance
15 projects specified as follows:

16 (1) \$29,900,000 for the construction and renovation of
17 academic infrastructure to accommodate student and faculty
18 population growth;

19 (2) \$7,500,000 for the construction and renovation of
20 infrastructure in Starr County to accommodate student and faculty
21 population growth in the university's programs in that county; and

22 (3) \$24,000,000 for a multipurpose exercise
23 physiology facility that includes research laboratory space,
24 kinesiology infrastructure, a natatorium, and instructional tennis

1 courts.

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

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

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

17 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real
18 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
19 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.1735(a)(1), 55.174,
20 55.1742, 55.1743, ~~or~~ 55.1744, or 55.17521, except that the board
21 shall review all real property to be financed by bonds issued under
22 those sections to determine whether the property meets the
23 standards adopted by the board for cost, efficiency, and space use.
24 If the property does not meet those standards, the board shall
25 notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
26 house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board.

27 SECTION 3. Section 61.058(b), Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or
3 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
4 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.174, 55.1742,
5 55.1743, ~~or~~ 55.1744, or 55.17521, except that the board shall
6 review all construction, repair, or rehabilitation to be financed
7 by bonds issued under those sections to determine whether the
8 construction, rehabilitation, or repair meets the standards
9 adopted by board rule for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the
10 construction, rehabilitation, or repair does not meet those
11 standards, the board shall notify the governor, the lieutenant
12 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
13 Legislative Budget Board.

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