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S.B. No. 1041

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds by The
3 University of Texas System for an adult stem cell research center at
4 the Texas Medical Center.

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 55.1752 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.1752. 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 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or
12 equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or
13 related infrastructure for The University of Texas Health Science
14 Center at Houston to establish an adult stem cell research center at
15 the Texas Medical Center to conduct stem cell and related
16 biomedical research in collaboration with other participating
17 institutions and entities, to be financed by the issuance of bonds
18 in accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued in
19 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program and secured
20 as provided by that program in an aggregate principal amount not to
21 exceed \$41.1 million.

22 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of the
23 bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue
24 funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The University of

1 Texas System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a
2 pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated
3 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to
4 refund those 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 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 SECTION 2. 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, 2005.