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S.B. No. 1059

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The
3 University of Texas at Brownsville, The University of Texas--Pan
4 American, and Texas State Technical College--Harlingen.

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 55.17528 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.17528. 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, or other facilities,
13 including roads and related infrastructure, for the following
14 institutions, to be financed by the issuance of bonds in accordance
15 with this subchapter, including bonds issued in accordance with a
16 systemwide revenue financing program and secured as provided by
17 that program, in aggregate principal amounts not to exceed the
18 following amounts:

19 (1) The University of Texas at Brownsville, \$40
20 million; and

21 (2) The University of Texas--Pan American, \$20
22 million.

23 (b) Proceeds of bonds issued under this section for The
24 University of Texas at Brownsville and The University of Texas--Pan

1 American may be used only for educational and related facilities
2 necessary to establish at those institutions components of the
3 South Texas Aerospace Industry Cluster and Education Initiative.

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

11 (d) If sufficient funds are not available to the board of
12 regents to meet its obligations under this section, the board may
13 transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The
14 University of Texas System, including funds that may be used for the
15 purpose and that are available to the system from an account in the
16 general revenue fund to advance emerging technology in this state,
17 to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available
18 resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its
19 duties and purposes.

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
21 amended by adding Section 55.17592 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 55.17592. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM;
23 ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted
24 by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State
25 Technical College System may acquire, purchase, construct,
26 improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings,
27 structures, or other facilities, including roads and related

1 infrastructure, to be used only for educational and related
2 facilities necessary to establish a component of the South Texas
3 Aerospace Industry Cluster and Education Initiative at Texas State
4 Technical College--Harlingen and to be financed by the issuance of
5 bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued in
6 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program and secured
7 as provided by that program, in an aggregate principal amount not to
8 exceed \$20 million.

9 (b) The board of regents may pledge irrevocably to the
10 payment of the bonds authorized by this section all or any part of
11 the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas
12 State Technical College System, including student tuition charges.
13 The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced
14 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
15 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

16 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board of
17 regents to meet its obligations under this section, the board may
18 transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the
19 Texas State Technical College System, including funds that may be
20 used for the purpose and that are available to the system from an
21 account in the general revenue fund to advance emerging technology
22 in this state, to ensure the most equitable and efficient
23 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
24 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.