

AN ACT

relating to the management, investment, and expenditure of state funds and institutional funds and the adoption of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 163, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 163. MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT, AND EXPENDITURE OF
INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

Sec. 163.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

Sec. 163.002. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that:

(1) institutions organized and operated exclusively for a charitable purpose perform essential and needed services in the state;

(2) uncertainty exists regarding the prudence standards for the management and investment of charitable funds and for endowment spending by institutions described by Subdivision (1); and

(3) the institutions, their officers, directors, and trustees, and the citizens of this state will benefit from removal of the uncertainty regarding applicable prudence standards and by permitting endowment funds to be invested for the long-term goals

1 of achieving growth and maintaining purchasing power without
2 adversely affecting the availability of funds for current
3 expenditure.

4 (b) The purpose of this chapter is to provide guidance and
5 authority through modern articulations of prudence standards for
6 the management and investment of charitable funds and for endowment
7 spending by institutions organized and operated exclusively for a
8 charitable purpose in order to provide uniformity and remove
9 uncertainty regarding those standards.

10 Sec. 163.003. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

11 (1) "Charitable purpose" means the promotion of a
12 scientific, educational, philanthropic, or environmental purpose,
13 social welfare, the arts and humanities, or another civic or public
14 purpose described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
15 of 1986.

16 (2) "Endowment fund" means an institutional fund or
17 part thereof that, under the terms of a gift instrument, is not
18 wholly expendable by the institution on a current basis. The term
19 does not include assets that an institution designates as an
20 endowment fund for its own use.

21 (3) "Gift instrument" means a record or records,
22 including an institutional solicitation, under which property is
23 granted to, transferred to, or held by an institution as an
24 institutional fund.

25 (4) "Institution" means:

26 (A) a person, other than an individual, organized
27 and operated exclusively for charitable purposes;

1 (B) a government or governmental subdivision,
2 agency, or instrumentality, to the extent that it holds funds
3 exclusively for a charitable purpose; and

4 (C) a trust that had both charitable and
5 noncharitable interests, after all noncharitable interests have
6 terminated.

7 (5) "Institutional fund" means a fund held by an
8 institution exclusively for charitable purposes. The term does not
9 include:

10 (A) program-related assets;

11 (B) a fund held for an institution by a trustee
12 that is not an institution; or

13 (C) a fund in which a beneficiary that is not an
14 institution has an interest, other than an interest that could
15 arise upon violation or failure of the purposes of the fund.

16 (6) "Person" means an individual, corporation,
17 business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability
18 company, association, joint venture, public corporation,
19 government or governmental subdivision, agency, or
20 instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

21 (7) "Program-related asset" means an asset held by an
22 institution primarily to accomplish a charitable purpose of the
23 institution and not primarily for investment.

24 (8) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a
25 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium
26 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

27 Sec. 163.004. STANDARD OF CONDUCT IN MANAGING AND INVESTING

1 INSTITUTIONAL FUND. (a) Subject to the intent of a donor expressed
2 in a gift instrument, an institution, in managing and investing an
3 institutional fund, shall consider the charitable purposes of the
4 institution and the purposes of the institutional fund.

5 (b) In addition to complying with the duty of loyalty
6 imposed by law other than this chapter, each person responsible for
7 managing and investing an institutional fund shall manage and
8 invest the fund in good faith and with the care an ordinarily
9 prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar
10 circumstances.

11 (c) In managing and investing an institutional fund, an
12 institution:

13 (1) may incur only costs that are appropriate and
14 reasonable in relation to the assets, the purposes of the
15 institution, and the skills available to the institution; and

16 (2) shall make a reasonable effort to verify facts
17 relevant to the management and investment of the fund.

18 (d) An institution may pool two or more institutional funds
19 for purposes of management and investment.

20 (e) Except as otherwise provided by a gift instrument, the
21 following rules apply:

22 (1) In managing and investing an institutional fund,
23 the following factors, if relevant, must be considered:

24 (A) general economic conditions;

25 (B) the possible effect of inflation or
26 deflation;

27 (C) the expected tax consequences, if any, of

1 investment decisions or strategies;

2 (D) the role that each investment or course of
3 action plays within the overall investment portfolio of the fund;

4 (E) the expected total return from income and the
5 appreciation of investments;

6 (F) other resources of the institution;

7 (G) the needs of the institution and the fund to
8 make distributions and to preserve capital; and

9 (H) an asset's special relationship or special
10 value, if any, to the charitable purposes of the institution.

11 (2) Management and investment decisions about an
12 individual asset must be made not in isolation but rather in the
13 context of the institutional fund's portfolio of investments as a
14 whole and as a part of an overall investment strategy having risk
15 and return objectives reasonably suited to the fund and to the
16 institution.

17 (3) Except as otherwise provided by law other than
18 this chapter, an institution may invest in any kind of property or
19 type of investment consistent with this section.

20 (4) An institution shall diversify the investments of
21 an institutional fund unless the institution reasonably determines
22 that, because of special circumstances, the purposes of the fund
23 are better served without diversification.

24 (5) Within a reasonable time after receiving property,
25 an institution shall make and carry out decisions concerning the
26 retention or disposition of the property or to rebalance a
27 portfolio, in order to bring the institutional fund into compliance

1 with the purposes, terms, and distribution requirements of the
2 institution as necessary to meet other circumstances of the
3 institution and the requirements of this chapter.

4 (6) A person that has special skills or expertise, or
5 is selected in reliance upon the person's representation that the
6 person has special skills or expertise, has a duty to use those
7 skills or that expertise in managing and investing institutional
8 funds.

9 Sec. 163.005. APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURE OR
10 ACCUMULATION OF ENDOWMENT FUND; RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. (a)
11 Subject to the intent of a donor expressed in the gift instrument
12 and to Subsections (d) and (e), an institution may appropriate for
13 expenditure or accumulate so much of an endowment fund as the
14 institution determines is prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes,
15 and duration for which the endowment fund is established. Unless
16 stated otherwise in the gift instrument, the assets in an endowment
17 fund are donor-restricted assets until appropriated for
18 expenditure by the institution. In making a determination to
19 appropriate or accumulate, the institution shall act in good faith,
20 with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position
21 would exercise under similar circumstances, and shall consider, if
22 relevant, the following factors:

23 (1) the duration and preservation of the endowment
24 fund;

25 (2) the purposes of the institution and the endowment
26 fund;

27 (3) general economic conditions;

1 (4) the possible effect of inflation or deflation;

2 (5) the expected total return from income and the
3 appreciation of investments;

4 (6) other resources of the institution; and

5 (7) the investment policy of the institution.

6 (b) To limit the authority to appropriate for expenditure or
7 accumulate under Subsection (a), a gift instrument must
8 specifically state the limitation.

9 (c) Terms in a gift instrument designating a gift as an
10 endowment, or a direction or authorization in the gift instrument
11 to use only "income," "interest," "dividends," or "rents, issues,
12 or profits," or "to preserve the principal intact," or words of
13 similar import:

14 (1) create an endowment fund of permanent duration
15 unless other language in the gift instrument limits the duration or
16 purpose of the fund; and

17 (2) do not otherwise limit the authority to
18 appropriate for expenditure or accumulate under Subsection (a).

19 (d) Except as provided in Subsection (f), appropriation for
20 expenditure in any year of an amount greater than seven percent of
21 the fair market value of an endowment fund with an aggregate value
22 of \$1 million or more, calculated on the basis of market values
23 determined at least quarterly and averaged over a period of not less
24 than three years immediately preceding the year in which the
25 appropriation for expenditure was made, creates a rebuttable
26 presumption of imprudence. For an endowment fund in existence for
27 fewer than three years, the fair market value of the endowment fund

1 must be calculated for the period the endowment fund has been in
2 existence. This subsection does not:

3 (1) apply to an appropriation for expenditure
4 permitted under law other than this chapter or by the gift
5 instrument; or

6 (2) create a presumption of prudence for an
7 appropriation for expenditure of an amount less than or equal to
8 seven percent of the fair market value of the endowment fund.

9 (e) For an institution with an endowment fund with an
10 aggregate value of less than \$1 million, a rebuttable presumption
11 of imprudence is created if more than five percent of the fair
12 market value of the endowment fund is appropriated for expenditure
13 in any year, calculated on the basis of market values determined at
14 least quarterly and averaged over a period of not less than three
15 years immediately preceding the year in which the appropriation for
16 expenditure was made. For an endowment fund in existence for fewer
17 than three years, the fair market value of the endowment fund must
18 be calculated for the period the endowment fund has been in
19 existence. This subsection does not:

20 (1) apply to an appropriation for expenditure
21 permitted under law other than this chapter or by the gift
22 instrument; or

23 (2) create a presumption of prudence for an
24 appropriation for expenditure of an amount less than or equal to
25 five percent of the fair market value of the endowment fund.

26 (f) This subsection applies only to a university system, as
27 defined by Section 61.003(10), Education Code. The appropriation

1 for expenditure in any year of any amount greater than nine percent
2 of the fair market value of an endowment fund with an aggregate
3 value of \$450 million or more, calculated on the basis of market
4 values determined at least quarterly and averaged over a period of
5 not less than three years immediately preceding the year in which
6 the appropriation for expenditure was made, creates a rebuttable
7 presumption of imprudence. For an endowment fund in existence for
8 fewer than three years, the fair market value of the endowment fund
9 must be calculated for the period the endowment fund has been in
10 existence. This subsection does not:

11 (1) apply to an appropriation for expenditure
12 permitted under law other than this chapter or by the gift
13 instrument; or

14 (2) create a presumption of prudence for an
15 appropriation for expenditure of an amount less than or equal to
16 nine percent of the fair market value of the endowment fund.

17 (g) If an institution pools the assets of individual
18 endowment funds for collective investment, this section applies to
19 the pooled fund and does not apply to individual endowment funds,
20 including individual endowment funds for which the nature of the
21 underlying asset or donor restrictions preclude inclusion in a pool
22 but which are managed by the institution in accordance with a
23 collective investment policy.

24 Sec. 163.006. DELEGATION OF MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT
25 FUNCTIONS. (a) Subject to any specific limitation set forth in a
26 gift instrument or in law other than this chapter, an institution
27 may delegate to an external agent the management and investment of

1 an institutional fund to the extent that an institution could
2 prudently delegate under the circumstances. An institution shall
3 act in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person
4 in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, in:

5 (1) selecting an agent;

6 (2) establishing the scope and terms of the
7 delegation, consistent with the purposes of the institution and the
8 institutional fund; and

9 (3) periodically reviewing the agent's actions in
10 order to monitor the agent's performance and compliance with the
11 scope and terms of the delegation.

12 (b) In performing a delegated function, an agent owes a duty
13 to the institution to exercise reasonable care to comply with the
14 scope and terms of the delegation.

15 (c) An institution that complies with Subsection (a) is not
16 liable for the decisions or actions of an agent to which the
17 function was delegated.

18 (d) By accepting delegation of a management or investment
19 function from an institution that is subject to the laws of this
20 state, an agent submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of this
21 state in all proceedings arising from or related to the delegation
22 or the performance of the delegated function.

23 (e) An institution may delegate management and investment
24 functions to its committees, officers, or employees as authorized
25 by law of this state other than this chapter.

26 Sec. 163.007. RELEASE OR MODIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON
27 MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT, OR PURPOSE. (a) If the donor consents in a

1 record, an institution may release or modify, in whole or in part, a
2 restriction contained in a gift instrument on the management,
3 investment, or purpose of an institutional fund. A release or
4 modification may not allow a fund to be used for a purpose other
5 than a charitable purpose of the institution.

6 (b) The court, upon application of an institution, may
7 modify a restriction contained in a gift instrument regarding the
8 management or investment of an institutional fund if the
9 restriction has become impracticable or wasteful, if it impairs the
10 management or investment of the fund, or if, because of
11 circumstances not anticipated by the donor, a modification of a
12 restriction will further the purposes of the fund. Chapter 123
13 applies to a proceeding under this subsection. To the extent
14 practicable, any modification must be made in accordance with the
15 donor's probable intention.

16 (c) If a particular charitable purpose or a restriction
17 contained in a gift instrument on the use of an institutional fund
18 becomes unlawful, impracticable, impossible to achieve, or
19 wasteful, the court, upon application of an institution, may modify
20 the purpose of the fund or the restriction on the use of the fund in
21 a manner consistent with the charitable purposes expressed in the
22 gift instrument. Chapter 123 applies to a proceeding under this
23 subsection.

24 (d) If an institution determines that a restriction
25 contained in a gift instrument on the management, investment, or
26 purpose of an institutional fund is unlawful, impracticable,
27 impossible to achieve, or wasteful, the institution, 60 days after

1 receipt of notice by the attorney general, may release or modify the
2 restriction, in whole or part, if:

3 (1) the institutional fund subject to the restriction
4 has a total value of less than \$25,000;

5 (2) more than 20 years have elapsed since the fund was
6 established; and

7 (3) the institution uses the property in a manner
8 consistent with the charitable purposes expressed in the gift
9 instrument.

10 (e) The notification to the attorney general under
11 Subsection (d) must be accompanied by a copy of the gift instrument
12 and a statement of facts sufficient to evidence compliance with
13 Subsections (d)(1), (2), and (3).

14 Sec. 163.008. REVIEWING COMPLIANCE. Compliance with this
15 chapter is determined in light of the facts and circumstances
16 existing at the time a decision is made or action is taken, and not
17 by hindsight.

18 Sec. 163.009. RELATION TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL
19 AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT. This chapter modifies, limits, and
20 supersedes the provisions of the Electronic Signatures in Global
21 and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq.) but does
22 not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101 of that Act (15 U.S.C.
23 Section 7001(a)) or authorize electronic delivery of any of the
24 notices described in Section 103 of that Act (15 U.S.C. Section
25 7003(b)).

26 Sec. 163.010. UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.
27 In applying and construing this chapter, consideration must be

1 given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to
2 the subject matter of this chapter among states that enact a law
3 substantially similar to this chapter.

4 Sec. 163.011. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PARTS OF CODE.
5 Subtitle B, Title 9 (the Texas Trust Code), does not apply to any
6 institutional fund subject to this chapter.

7 ~~[Sec. 163.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as~~
8 ~~the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act.~~

9 ~~[Sec. 163.002. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The~~
10 ~~legislature finds that:~~

11 ~~[(1) publicly and privately supported educational,~~
12 ~~religious, and charitable organizations perform essential and~~
13 ~~needed services in the state,~~

14 ~~[(2) uncertainty regarding legal restrictions on the~~
15 ~~management, investment, and expenditure of endowment funds of the~~
16 ~~organizations has in many instances precluded obtaining the highest~~
17 ~~available return on endowment funds, and~~

18 ~~[(3) the organizations, their officers, directors,~~
19 ~~and trustees, and the citizens of this state will benefit from~~
20 ~~removal of the uncertainty and by permitting endowment funds to be~~
21 ~~invested for the long-term goals of achieving growth and~~
22 ~~maintaining purchasing power without adversely affecting~~
23 ~~availability of funds for current expenditure.~~

24 ~~[(b) The purpose of this chapter is to provide guidelines~~
25 ~~for the management, investment, and expenditure of endowment funds~~
26 ~~of publicly and privately supported educational, religious, and~~
27 ~~charitable organizations in order to eliminate the uncertainty~~

1 ~~regarding legal restrictions on the management, investment, and~~
2 ~~expenditure of the funds and to enable the organizations to~~
3 ~~maximize their resources.~~

4 ~~[Sec. 163.003. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:~~

5 ~~[(1) "Endowment fund" means an institutional fund, or~~
6 ~~any part of such a fund, not wholly expendable by the institution on~~
7 ~~a current basis under the terms of the applicable gift instrument.~~

8 ~~[(2) "Gift instrument" means a will, deed, grant,~~
9 ~~conveyance, agreement, memorandum, writing, or other governing~~
10 ~~document, including the terms of any institutional solicitations~~
11 ~~from which an institutional fund resulted, under which property is~~
12 ~~transferred to or held by an institution as an institutional fund.~~

13 ~~[(3) "Governing board" means the body responsible for~~
14 ~~the management of an institution or of an institutional fund.~~

15 ~~[(4) "Historic dollar value" means the aggregate fair~~
16 ~~market value in dollars of:~~

17 ~~[(A) an endowment fund at the time it became an~~
18 ~~endowment fund;~~

19 ~~[(B) each subsequent donation to the fund at the~~
20 ~~time it is made; and~~

21 ~~[(C) each accumulation made pursuant to a~~
22 ~~direction in the applicable gift instrument at the time the~~
23 ~~accumulation is added to the fund.~~

24 ~~[(5) "Institution" means an incorporated or~~
25 ~~unincorporated organization organized and operated exclusively for~~
26 ~~educational, religious, or charitable purposes, an institution of~~
27 ~~higher education, or a foundation chartered for the benefit of an~~

1 ~~institution of higher education. The term does not include a~~
2 ~~private foundation as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal~~
3 ~~Revenue Code of 1986.~~

4 ~~[(6) "Institutional fund" means a fund held by an~~
5 ~~institution for its exclusive use, benefit, or purposes, except a~~
6 ~~fund held for an institution by a trustee that is not an institution~~
7 ~~or a fund in which a beneficiary that is not an institution has an~~
8 ~~interest other than possible rights that could arise on violation~~
9 ~~or failure of the purposes of the fund.~~

10 ~~[(7) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning~~
11 ~~assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.~~

12 ~~[Sec. 163.004. EXPENDITURES. (a) A governing board may~~
13 ~~appropriate for expenditure, for the uses and purposes for which~~
14 ~~the fund is established, the net appreciation, realized and~~
15 ~~unrealized, in the fair market value of the assets of an endowment~~
16 ~~fund over the historic dollar value of the fund to the extent~~
17 ~~prudent under the standard provided by Section 163.007.~~

18 ~~[(b) A determination of the historic dollar value made in~~
19 ~~good faith by the governing board is conclusive.~~

20 ~~[(c) Subsection (a) does not limit the authority of the~~
21 ~~governing board to expend funds as permitted under other law, the~~
22 ~~terms of the applicable gift instrument, or the charter or articles~~
23 ~~of incorporation of the institution.~~

24 ~~[(d) Subsection (a) does not apply if the applicable gift~~
25 ~~instrument indicates the donor's intention that the net~~
26 ~~appreciation not be expended. A restriction on the expenditure of~~
27 ~~net appreciation may not be implied from a designation of a gift as~~

1 ~~an endowment or from a direction or authorization in the applicable~~
2 ~~gift instrument to use only "income." This rule of construction~~
3 ~~applies to gift instruments executed or in effect before, on, or~~
4 ~~after the effective date of this chapter.~~

5 ~~[Sec. 163.005. INVESTMENT AUTHORITY. In addition to an~~
6 ~~investment authorized by other law or by the applicable gift~~
7 ~~instrument, and without restriction to investments a fiduciary may~~
8 ~~make, the governing board, subject to any specific limitations in~~
9 ~~the applicable gift instrument or the applicable law other than law~~
10 ~~relating to investments by a fiduciary, may:~~

11 ~~[(1) invest an institutional fund in any real or~~
12 ~~personal property, including mortgages, stocks, bonds, debentures,~~
13 ~~and other securities of profit or nonprofit corporations, shares in~~
14 ~~or obligations of associations, partnerships, or individuals, and~~
15 ~~obligations of any governmental entity, whether or not the property~~
16 ~~produces a current return,~~

17 ~~[(2) retain property contributed by a donor to an~~
18 ~~institutional fund,~~

19 ~~[(3) include all or any portion of an institutional~~
20 ~~fund in a pooled or common fund maintained by the institution, and~~

21 ~~[(4) invest all or any portion of an institutional~~
22 ~~fund in a pooled or common fund, including shares or interests in~~
23 ~~regulated investment companies, mutual funds, common trust funds,~~
24 ~~investment partnerships, real estate investment trusts, or similar~~
25 ~~organizations in which funds are commingled and investment~~
26 ~~determinations are made by persons other than the governing board.~~

27 ~~[Sec. 163.006. DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT. Except~~

1 as provided by the applicable gift instrument, the governing board
2 may:

3 ~~[(1) delegate to its committees, officers, or~~
4 ~~employees of the institution or the fund, and other agents,~~
5 ~~including investment counsel, the authority to act for the board in~~
6 ~~investment of institutional funds;~~

7 ~~[(2) contract with independent investment advisors,~~
8 ~~investment counsel, investment managers, banks, or trust companies~~
9 ~~to act for the board in investment of institutional funds; and~~

10 ~~[(3) authorize payment of compensation for investment~~
11 ~~advisory or management services.~~

12 ~~[Sec. 163.007. STANDARD OF CONDUCT. In the administration~~
13 ~~of the powers to appropriate appreciation, to make and retain~~
14 ~~investments, to develop and apply investment and spending policies,~~
15 ~~and to delegate investment management of institutional funds,~~
16 ~~members of a governing board shall exercise ordinary business care~~
17 ~~and prudence under the facts and circumstances prevailing at the~~
18 ~~time of the action or decision. The members shall consider both the~~
19 ~~long-term and short-term needs of the institution in carrying out~~
20 ~~its educational, religious, or charitable purposes, its present and~~
21 ~~anticipated financial requirements, the expected return on its~~
22 ~~investments, price level trends, and general economic conditions.~~

23 ~~[Sec. 163.008. RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS ON USE OR~~
24 ~~INVESTMENT. (a) With the written consent of the donor, the~~
25 ~~governing board may release, in whole or in part, a restriction~~
26 ~~imposed by the applicable gift instrument on the use or investment~~
27 ~~of an institutional fund.~~

1 ~~[(b) If written consent of the donor cannot be obtained~~
2 ~~because of the donor's death, disability, unavailability, or~~
3 ~~impossibility of identification, the governing board may apply in~~
4 ~~the name of the institution to the district court for release of a~~
5 ~~restriction imposed by a gift instrument on the use or investment of~~
6 ~~an institutional fund. The attorney general must be notified of the~~
7 ~~application and given an opportunity to intervene in the same~~
8 ~~manner as provided by Chapter 123 for a proceeding involving a~~
9 ~~charitable trust. If the court finds that the restriction is~~
10 ~~obsolete, inappropriate, or impracticable, it may by order release~~
11 ~~the restriction in whole or in part. A release under this~~
12 ~~subsection may not change an endowment fund to another type of fund.~~

13 ~~[(c) A release under this section may not allow a fund to be~~
14 ~~used for a purpose other than the educational, religious, or~~
15 ~~charitable purposes of the affected institution.~~

16 ~~[(d) This section does not limit the application of the~~
17 ~~doctrine of "cy pres."~~

18 ~~[Sec. 163.009. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PARTS OF CODE.~~
19 ~~Subtitle B, Title 9 (the Texas Trust Code), does not apply to any~~
20 ~~institutional fund subject to this chapter.]~~

21 SECTION 2. Sections 43.006(a) and (k), Education Code, are
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The State Board of Education may delegate investment
24 authority ~~[and contract]~~ for the investment of the permanent school
25 fund to the same extent as an institution ~~[the governing board of an~~
26 ~~institution of higher education]~~ with respect to an institutional
27 fund under Chapter 163, Property Code.

1 (k) In this section, "institution" [~~+~~
2 [~~(1) "Governing board"~~] and "institutional fund" have
3 the meanings assigned by Chapter 163, Property Code.

4 [~~(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning~~
5 ~~assigned by Section 61.003.~~]

6 SECTION 3. Section 66.08(a), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The board may delegate investment authority [~~and~~
9 ~~contract~~] for the investment of the permanent university fund to
10 the same extent as an institution [~~the governing board of an~~
11 ~~institution of higher education~~] with respect to an institutional
12 fund under Chapter 163, Property Code.

13 SECTION 4. Section 66.08(o)(2), Education Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (2) "Institution" and "institutional fund"
16 [~~"Governing board," "institutional fund," and "institution of~~
17 ~~higher education"~~] have the meanings assigned by Chapter 163,
18 Property Code.

19 SECTION 5. Section 404.024, Government Code, is amended by
20 amending Subsections (b) and (l) and adding Subsections (m) and (n)
21 to read as follows:

22 (b) State funds not deposited in state depositories shall be
23 invested by the comptroller in:

- 24 (1) direct security repurchase agreements;
25 (2) reverse security repurchase agreements;
26 (3) direct obligations of or obligations the principal
27 and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States;

1 (4) direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by
2 agencies or instrumentalities of the United States government;

3 (5) bankers' acceptances that:

4 (A) are eligible for purchase by the Federal
5 Reserve System;

6 (B) do not exceed 270 days to maturity; and

7 (C) are issued by a bank whose other comparable
8 short-term obligations are rated in [that has received] the highest
9 short-term ~~[credit]~~ rating category, within which there may be
10 subcategories or gradations indicating relative standing,
11 including such subcategories or gradations as "rating category" or
12 "rated," by a nationally recognized statistical rating
13 organization, as defined by Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7),
14 promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 by the
15 Securities and Exchange Commission [investment rating firm];

16 (6) commercial paper that:

17 (A) does not exceed 270 days to maturity; and

18 (B) except as provided by Subsection (i), is
19 issued by an entity whose other comparable short-term obligations
20 are rated in [has received] the highest short-term ~~[credit]~~ rating
21 category by a nationally recognized statistical rating
22 organization [investment rating firm];

23 (7) contracts written by the treasury in which the
24 treasury grants the purchaser the right to purchase securities in
25 the treasury's marketable securities portfolio at a specified price
26 over a specified period and for which the treasury is paid a fee and
27 specifically prohibits naked-option or uncovered option trading;

1 (8) direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by
2 the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Bank for
3 Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), the African
4 Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the International
5 Finance Corporation that have received the highest long-term
6 ~~[credit]~~ rating categories for debt obligations by a nationally
7 recognized statistical rating organization ~~[investment rating~~
8 ~~firm]~~;

9 (9) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State
10 of Israel;

11 (10) obligations of a state or an agency, county,
12 city, or other political subdivision of a state;

13 (11) mutual funds secured by obligations that are
14 described by Subdivisions (1) through (6) or by obligations
15 consistent with Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), promulgated
16 by the Securities and Exchange Commission, including pooled funds:

17 (A) established by the Texas Treasury
18 Safekeeping Trust Company;

19 (B) operated like a mutual fund; and

20 (C) with portfolios consisting only of
21 dollar-denominated securities; ~~[and]~~

22 (12) foreign currency for the sole purpose of
23 facilitating investment by state agencies that have the authority
24 to invest in foreign securities;

25 (13) asset-backed securities, as defined by the
26 Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section
27 270.2a-7), that are rated at least A or its equivalent by a

1 nationally recognized statistical rating organization and that
2 have a weighted-average maturity of five years or less; and

3 (14) corporate debt obligations that are rated at
4 least A or its equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical
5 rating organization and mature in five years or less from the date
6 on which the obligations were "acquired," as defined by the
7 Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section
8 270.2a-7).

9 (1) The comptroller may lend securities under procedures
10 established by the comptroller. The procedures must be consistent
11 with industry practice and must include a requirement to fully
12 secure the loan with cash, obligations described by Subsections
13 (b)(1)-(6), or a combination of cash and the described obligations.
14 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, cash may be reinvested in
15 the items permitted under Subsection (b) or mutual funds, as
16 defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17
17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7) [In this subsection, "obligation" means
18 an item described by Subsections (b)(1)-(6)].

19 (m) In entering into a direct security repurchase agreement
20 or a reverse security repurchase agreement, the comptroller may
21 agree to accept cash on an overnight basis in lieu of the
22 securities, obligations, or participation certificates identified
23 in Section 404.001(3). Cash held by the state under this subsection
24 is not a deposit of state or public funds for purposes of any
25 statute, including this subchapter or Subchapter D, that requires a
26 deposit of state or public funds to be collateralized by eligible
27 securities.

1 (n) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any
2 government investment pool created to function as a money market
3 mutual fund and managed by the comptroller or the Texas Treasury
4 Safekeeping Trust Company may invest the funds it receives in
5 investments that are "eligible securities," as defined by the
6 Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section
7 270.2a-7), if it maintains a dollar-weighted average portfolio
8 maturity of 90 days or less, with the maturity of each portfolio
9 security calculated in accordance with Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section
10 270.2a-7), and meets the diversification requirements of Rule 2a-7.

11 SECTION 6. (a) Chapter 163, Property Code, as amended by
12 this Act, applies only to an institutional fund existing on or
13 established after the effective date of this Act.

14 (b) With respect to an institutional fund existing on the
15 effective date of this Act, Chapter 163, Property Code, as amended
16 by this Act, applies only to an action taken or decision made
17 relating to the institutional fund occurring after August 31, 2007.
18 An action taken or decision made relating to the institutional fund
19 that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by
20 Chapter 163, Property Code, as that chapter existed before
21 amendment by this Act, and that chapter is continued in effect for
22 that purpose.

23 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 860 was passed by the House on March 28, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 860 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 860 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor