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H.B. No. 2556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for Prairie View A&M University.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 55.1761 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1761. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted under this subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related infrastructure for Prairie View A&M University, for the following projects 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 an aggregate principal amount not to exceed:

(1) \$15 million for infrastructure deferred maintenance; and

(2) \$12 million for a child and family development center.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of the bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M

1 University System, including student tuition charges. The amount  
2 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
3 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
4 issued to 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 Texas A&M  
8 University 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. Section 61.0572(e), Education Code, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real  
14 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)  
15 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.1735(a)(1), 55.174,  
16 55.1742, 55.1743, 55.1744, ~~[or]~~ 55.1751-55.17592, or 55.1761,  
17 except that the board shall review all real property to be financed  
18 by bonds issued under those sections to determine whether the  
19 property meets the standards adopted by the board for cost,  
20 efficiency, and space use. If the property does not meet those  
21 standards, the board shall notify the governor, the lieutenant  
22 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
23 Legislative Budget Board.

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

26 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or  
27 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)

1 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.174, 55.1742,  
2 55.1743, 55.1744, ~~[or]~~ 55.1751-55.17592, or 55.1761, except that  
3 the board shall review all construction, repair, or rehabilitation  
4 to be financed by bonds issued under those sections to determine  
5 whether the construction, rehabilitation, or repair meets the  
6 standards adopted by board rule for cost, efficiency, and space  
7 use. If the construction, rehabilitation, or repair does not meet  
8 those standards, the board shall notify the governor, the  
9 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
10 and the Legislative Budget Board.

11 SECTION 4. 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, 2007.