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H.B. No. 3727

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the issuance of tuition revenue bonds for Sam Houston State University for facilities in Montgomery County.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 55.1764 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1764. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted under this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip facilities and other property, including roads and related infrastructure, for Sam Houston State University for educational and related facilities in Montgomery County, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30 million.

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

1 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
2 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
3 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State
4 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
5 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
6 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

7 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the Texas State
8 University System may not issue bonds under this section for Sam
9 Houston State University until the board of regents approves the
10 acquisition of real property in Montgomery County for the
11 educational and related facilities to be financed through the
12 issuance of those bonds.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.