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S.B. No. 629

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the operation of certain institutions of higher
3 education as general academic teaching institutions and to the
4 statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue
5 revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher
6 education.

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

8 SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 87.841, Education Code,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
11 Texas A&M University--San Antonio may not operate as a general
12 academic teaching institution until the Texas Higher Education
13 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the Texas A&M
14 University--Kingsville System Center--San Antonio has reached an
15 enrollment equivalent of[+

16 [~~(1)~~] 1,000 full-time students for one semester [~~if~~
17 ~~the legislature authorizes revenue bonds to be issued to finance~~
18 ~~educational and related facilities for the institution, and the~~
19 ~~bonds are issued for that purpose, or~~

20 [~~(2)~~ 2,500 full-time students for one semester if the
21 ~~conditions specified by Subdivision (1) are not satisfied].~~

22 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 105.501, Education Code,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,

1 the University of North Texas at Dallas may operate as a general
2 academic teaching institution with its own chief executive officer,
3 administration, and faculty only after the Texas Higher Education
4 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the University of
5 North Texas System Center at Dallas has reached an enrollment
6 equivalent to 1,000 full-time students for one semester. Until
7 that enrollment level is reached, the board may operate a system
8 center of the University of North Texas in the city of Dallas.
9 ~~[Prior to reaching 2,500 full-time equivalent students, the~~
10 ~~University of North Texas at Dallas may not receive general revenue~~
11 ~~in excess of the 2003 expended amount with the exception of funding~~
12 ~~provided through the General Academic Instruction and Operations~~
13 ~~Formula for semester credit hour increases and the Tuition Revenue~~
14 ~~Bond debt service for bonds approved in the 78th Legislature. The~~
15 ~~institution will not be eligible to receive the small school~~
16 ~~supplement in the General Academic Instruction and Operations~~
17 ~~Formula until it reaches 2,500 full-time equivalent student~~
18 ~~enrollment.]~~

19 SECTION 3. The following statutes are repealed:

20 (1) Subsections (d) and (e), Section 55.1751,
21 Education Code; and

22 (2) Subsection (d), Section 55.1755, Education Code.

23 SECTION 4. This Act does not make an appropriation. This
24 Act takes effect only if a specific appropriation for the
25 implementation of the Act is provided in a general appropriations
26 act of the 81st Legislature.

27 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this

1 Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of
2 all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39,
3 Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the
4 vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect
5 September 1, 2009, except as otherwise provided by this Act.