

1-1 By: West, Uresti S.B. No. 629
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 629 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the operation of certain institutions of higher
1-11 education as general academic teaching institutions and to the
1-12 statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue
1-13 revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher
1-14 education.

1-15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-16 SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 87.841, Education Code,
1-17 is amended to read as follows:

1-18 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
1-19 Texas A&M University--San Antonio may not operate as a general
1-20 academic teaching institution until the Texas Higher Education
1-21 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the Texas A&M
1-22 University--Kingsville System Center--San Antonio has reached an
1-23 enrollment equivalent of[+]

1-24 [~~(1)~~] 1,000 full-time students for one semester [~~if~~
1-25 ~~the legislature authorizes revenue bonds to be issued to finance~~
1-26 ~~educational and related facilities for the institution, and the~~
1-27 ~~bonds are issued for that purpose, or~~

1-28 [~~(2)~~] 2,500 full-time students for one semester if the
1-29 ~~conditions specified by Subdivision (1) are not satisfied].~~

1-30 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 105.501, Education Code,
1-31 is amended to read as follows:

1-32 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
1-33 the University of North Texas at Dallas may operate as a general
1-34 academic teaching institution with its own chief executive officer,
1-35 administration, and faculty only after the Texas Higher Education
1-36 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the University of
1-37 North Texas System Center at Dallas has reached an enrollment
1-38 equivalent to 1,000 full-time students for one semester. Until
1-39 that enrollment level is reached, the board may operate a system
1-40 center of the University of North Texas in the city of Dallas.
1-41 [~~Prior to reaching 2,500 full-time equivalent students, the~~
1-42 ~~University of North Texas at Dallas may not receive general revenue~~
1-43 ~~in excess of the 2003 expended amount with the exception of funding~~
1-44 ~~provided through the General Academic Instruction and Operations~~
1-45 ~~Formula for semester credit hour increases and the Tuition Revenue~~
1-46 ~~Bond debt service for bonds approved in the 78th Legislature. The~~
1-47 ~~institution will not be eligible to receive the small school~~
1-48 ~~supplement in the General Academic Instruction and Operations~~
1-49 ~~Formula until it reaches 2,500 full-time equivalent student~~
1-50 ~~enrollment.]~~

1-51 SECTION 3. The following statutes are repealed:

1-52 (1) Subsections (d) and (e), Section 55.1751,
1-53 Education Code; and

1-54 (2) Subsection (d), Section 55.1755, Education Code.

1-55 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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