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H.B. No. 752

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical
3 education building for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences
4 Center.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 55.1789 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.1789. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
9 REVENUE BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted
10 under this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech
11 University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve,
12 renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures,
13 facilities, roads, or related infrastructure for a medical
14 education building to support the Texas Tech University Health
15 Sciences Center's educational programs in the city of Odessa, to be
16 financed by the issuance of bonds in accordance with this
17 subchapter, including bonds issued in accordance with a systemwide
18 revenue financing program and secured as provided by that program,
19 not to exceed \$12.6 million.

20 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of the
21 bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue
22 funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech
23 University System, including student tuition charges. The amount
24 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or

1 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
2 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

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

9 (d) Any portion of the proceeds of bonds authorized by this
10 section that is not required for the specific project for which the
11 bonds are authorized may be used to renovate existing structures
12 and facilities at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

13 SECTION 2. Section 61.0572(e), Education Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real
16 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
17 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.1735(a)(1), 55.174,
18 55.1742, 55.1743, 55.1744, 55.1751-55.17592, 55.1768, 55.1771,
19 [~~or~~] 55.17721, or 55.1789, except that the board shall review all
20 real property to be financed by bonds issued under those sections to
21 determine whether the property meets the standards adopted by the
22 board for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the property does not
23 meet those standards, the board shall notify the governor, the
24 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
25 and the Legislative Budget Board.

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

1 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or
2 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
3 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, 55.174, 55.1742,
4 55.1743, 55.1744, 55.1751-55.17592, 55.1768, 55.1771, [~~or~~]
5 55.17721, or 55.1789, except that the board shall review all
6 construction, repair, or rehabilitation to be financed by bonds
7 issued under those sections to determine whether the construction,
8 rehabilitation, or repair meets the standards adopted by board rule
9 for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the construction,
10 rehabilitation, or repair does not meet those standards, the board
11 shall notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
12 the house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.