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H.B. No. 5

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund  
3 capital projects at public institutions of higher education; making  
4 an appropriation.

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 Sections 55.1781, 55.1782, 55.1783, 55.1784,  
8 55.1785, 55.1786, 55.1787, 55.1788, 55.1789, 55.17891, and  
9 55.17892 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 55.1781. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
11 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
12 subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System  
13 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
14 equip property and facilities, including roads and related  
15 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
16 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
17 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
18 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate  
19 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

20 (1) Texas A&M University--Commerce, \$40 million for a  
21 library and technology center;

22 (2) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, \$60 million  
23 for a life sciences research building;

24 (3) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, \$33.6 million

- 1 for music building expansion and renovation of Jones Auditorium;  
2 (4) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$36.8 million  
3 for an academic and laboratory learning center;  
4 (5) West Texas A&M University, \$12 million for the  
5 Amarillo Center;  
6 (6) The Texas A&M University System Health Science  
7 Center:  
8 (A) \$7.2 million for facilities in Round Rock,  
9 Texas;  
10 (B) \$36 million for a research building in  
11 Temple, Texas; and  
12 (C) \$64 million for an education center and  
13 research building in Dallas, Texas;  
14 (7) Texas A&M International University, \$41.6 million  
15 for library renovation, additional instructional spaces, and a  
16 support services building;  
17 (8) Prairie View A&M University, \$12.8 million for  
18 critical deferred maintenance;  
19 (9) Tarleton State University:  
20 (A) \$52 million for the Gates Agriculture and  
21 Business Building; and  
22 (B) \$12 million for the Midlothian Higher  
23 Education Center;  
24 (10) Texas A&M University, \$64 million for a  
25 biocontainment research facility;  
26 (11) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$36.8 million  
27 for an academic building;

1           (12) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$50 million  
2 for a science, health science, and wellness building; and

3           (13) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$70 million  
4 for a science and technology building.

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

12           (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
13 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
14 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M  
15 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
16 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
17 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

18           Sec. 55.1782. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
19 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
20 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System  
21 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
22 equip property and facilities, including roads and related  
23 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
24 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
25 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
26 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate  
27 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

- 1           (1) The University of Texas at Austin, \$95 million for  
2 an engineering education and research center;
- 3           (2) The University of Texas at Brownsville or its  
4 successor university, \$100 million for a new campus in Brownsville;
- 5           (3) The University of Texas--Pan American, \$78.4  
6 million for Science Building II;
- 7           (4) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
8 Center at Dallas, \$60 million for north campus Phase VI vivarium and  
9 research facilities;
- 10          (5) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
11 San Antonio, \$11.2 million for a South Texas diabetes institute and  
12 for an enhanced performance laboratory of the Barshop Institute for  
13 Longevity and Aging Studies;
- 14          (6) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
15 Center, \$50 million for a personalized cancer care building;
- 16          (7) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
17 Galveston, \$40 million for a health education center;
- 18          (8) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$64.3  
19 million for renovation of and addition to a life science building;
- 20          (9) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$76 million for  
21 an engineering building;
- 22          (10) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$88 million  
23 for an interdisciplinary research facility;
- 24          (11) The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$74.2  
25 million for an experimental science instructional building;
- 26          (12) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$38.8 million  
27 for a STEM and business complex and renovation of the business

1 building;

2 (13) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
3 Houston, \$100 million for the renovation and modernization of  
4 educational and research facilities;

5 (14) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
6 Tyler, \$4,804,000 for the Riter Center Primary Care Training Center  
7 renovation; and

8 (15) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$48  
9 million for an engineering building.

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

17 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
18 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
19 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University  
20 of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
21 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
22 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

23 Sec. 55.1783. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
24 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
25 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston  
26 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
27 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and

1 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
2 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
3 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
4 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
5 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
6 as follows:

7 (1) the University of Houston, \$70 million for a  
8 pharmacy and biomedical sciences building;

9 (2) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$67.2  
10 million for a science and academic support building;

11 (3) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$37.2  
12 million for a science and technology building; and

13 (4) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$78,356,800  
14 for campus expansion.

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

22 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
23 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
24 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University  
25 of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
26 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
27 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

1       Sec. 55.1784. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
2 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
3 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University  
4 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
5 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
6 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
7 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
8 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
9 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
10 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
11 as follows:

12           (1) Lamar University, \$32 million for a science  
13 building;

14           (2) Lamar State College--Orange, \$14,222,400 for a  
15 multipurpose education building;

16           (3) Lamar State College--Port Arthur, \$2,180,000 for  
17 an addition to the allied health building;

18           (4) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$12 million for  
19 renovation and replacement of the technical arts buildings;

20           (5) Texas State University--San Marcos:

21                   (A) \$44.8 million for a medical education and  
22 research building in Round Rock, Texas; and

23                   (B) \$73,265,729 for an engineering and science  
24 building;

25           (6) Sam Houston State University, \$31,720,000 for a  
26 biology, nursing, and allied health building; and

27           (7) Sul Ross State University, \$3.4 million for

1 renovation and modernization of educational and related facilities  
2 and infrastructure.

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

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

16 Sec. 55.1785. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
17 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
18 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas  
19 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
20 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
21 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
22 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
23 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
24 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
25 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
26 as follows:

27 (1) the University of North Texas System, \$56 million



1 for college of law building renovations;

2 (2) the University of North Texas, \$73.6 million for a  
3 college of visual arts and design facility;

4 (3) the University of North Texas at Dallas, \$70  
5 million for a library and student success center; and

6 (4) the University of North Texas Health Science  
7 Center at Fort Worth, \$66,600,000 for an interdisciplinary research  
8 building.

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

16 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
17 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
18 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University  
19 of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
20 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
21 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

22 Sec. 55.1786. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) In addition to  
23 the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of  
24 regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire, purchase,  
25 construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and  
26 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a  
27 science and technology learning center, to be financed through the

1 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed  
2 the aggregate principal amount of \$37,996,928.

3 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
4 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
5 Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The  
6 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
7 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
8 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

9 Sec. 55.1787. MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL  
10 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
11 subchapter, the board of regents of Midwestern State University may  
12 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
13 property and facilities, including roads and related  
14 infrastructure, for library, College of Education, and information  
15 technology facilities at Midwestern State University, to be  
16 financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this  
17 subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of  
18 \$23,992,000.

19 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
20 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
21 Midwestern State University, including student tuition charges.  
22 The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced  
23 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
24 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

25 Sec. 55.1788. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) In  
26 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the  
27 board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may acquire,

1 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property  
2 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a  
3 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research  
4 building at Stephen F. Austin State University, to be financed  
5 through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter,  
6 not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$40 million.

7 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
8 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
9 Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition  
10 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not  
11 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is  
12 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

13 Sec. 55.1789. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
14 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
15 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University  
16 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
17 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
18 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
19 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
20 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
21 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
22 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
23 as follows:

24 (1) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

25 (A) \$36 million for Lubbock education, research,  
26 and technology facilities;

27 (B) \$79.2 million for the El Paso Medical Science

1 Building II; and

2 (C) \$15,120,000 for the Permian Basin academic  
3 facility;

4 (2) Texas Tech University, \$70.2 million for a  
5 research building; and

6 (3) Angelo State University, \$14,896,000 for a health  
7 and human services building.

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

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

21 Sec. 55.17891. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL  
22 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
23 subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may  
24 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
25 property and facilities, including roads and related  
26 infrastructure, for the Robert J. Terry Library at Texas Southern  
27 University, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in

1 accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate  
2 principal amount of \$52,814,129.

3 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
4 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
5 Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The  
6 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
7 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
8 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

9 Sec. 55.17892. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a) In  
10 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the  
11 board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may  
12 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
13 property and facilities, including roads and related  
14 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
15 bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following  
16 institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal  
17 amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

18 (1) Texas State Technical College System, \$35 million  
19 for the Ellis County Extension Center;

20 (2) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen, \$2.4  
21 million for Phase II of the Engineering Technology Center  
22 renovation;

23 (3) Texas State Technical College--Marshall, \$1.2  
24 million for renovation of aviation technology facilities; and

25 (4) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$5 million  
26 for water system infrastructure replacement.

27 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those

1 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution,  
2 branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical College System,  
3 including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made  
4 under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
5 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
6 bonds, are outstanding.

7 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
8 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
9 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State  
10 Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
11 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
12 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

13 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect any authority or  
14 restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of  
15 higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed  
16 by bonds authorized by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. (a) The amount of \$175 million is appropriated  
18 out of the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public  
19 accounts for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2015, for  
20 distribution to institutions of higher education and university  
21 systems for debt service on revenue bonds authorized by this Act.

22 (b) The comptroller shall distribute a portion of the amount  
23 appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section to each institution  
24 of higher education or university system, as applicable, in  
25 accordance with calculations made by the Legislative Budget Board  
26 of each institution's or system's proportionate share of the amount  
27 appropriated based on the amount of revenue bonds authorized by

1 this Act for each institution or system.

2 (c) The Legislative Budget Board shall make the initial  
3 calculations under this section and notify the comptroller and the  
4 applicable institutions of higher education and university systems  
5 of the respective shares to be distributed under this section as  
6 soon as practicable. The Legislative Budget Board may make  
7 adjustments to those calculations and provide a final determination  
8 of those shares.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
10 last day of the legislative session.