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H.B. No. 1689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund an  
3 interprofessional health education center at The University of  
4 Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

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 55.17822 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.17822. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
9 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
10 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System  
11 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
12 equip facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
13 an interprofessional health education center at The University of  
14 Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to be financed through the  
15 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including  
16 bonds issued in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing  
17 program and secured as provided by that program, in an aggregate  
18 principal amount not to exceed \$67.8 million.

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 an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas  
22 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
23 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
24 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those

1 bonds, are outstanding.

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

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

13 SECTION 2. 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, 2015.