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H.B. No. 3323

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of the University of Houston-Katy
3 campus and authorization for the issuance of revenue bonds to fund
4 an academic building at the campus.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 111, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER J. THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-KATY

9 Sec. 111.131. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-KATY. There is
10 established in Harris County a coeducational institution of higher
11 education to be known as the University of Houston-Katy. The
12 institution shall be located on land currently owned by the
13 University of Houston System, land purchased by the University of
14 Houston System, or land acquired by the University of Houston
15 System by donation.

16 Sec. 111.132. ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL. The organization
17 and control of the University of Houston-Katy are vested in the
18 board of regents of the University of Houston System. The board of
19 regents has all rights, powers, and duties with respect to the
20 University of Houston-Katy that it has with respect to the
21 organization and control of the University of Houston, except as
22 otherwise provided by this subchapter.

23 Sec. 111.133. ROLE AND SCOPE. The University of
24 Houston-Katy shall offer undergraduate and graduate programs.

1 Sec. 111.134. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The board of regents of the
2 University of Houston System may accept and administer gifts and
3 grants for the use and benefit of the University of Houston-Katy.

4 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 55.178312 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 55.178312. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
7 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
8 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston
9 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
10 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
11 related infrastructure, for an academic building located in Harris
12 County in or near Katy, Texas, to be financed through the issuance
13 of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued
14 in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program and
15 secured as provided by that program, in an aggregate principal
16 amount not to exceed \$58,540,000.

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

24 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
25 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
26 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University
27 of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient

1 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
2 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

3 SECTION 3. The board of regents of the University of Houston
4 System, as soon as practicable following the effective date of this
5 Act consistent with available resources and any required approval
6 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, shall establish
7 the University of Houston-Katy in accordance with this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.