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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects
3 at public institutions of higher education and the designation of
4 certain appropriated funds allocated to those institutions.

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 55.111 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.111. CERTAIN ALLOCATED FUNDS TO BE DESIGNATED AS
9 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DEBT ASSISTANCE. For purposes of this
10 subchapter, funds allocated from the appropriation of general
11 revenue to an institution of higher education to supplement revenue
12 funds of the institution described by Section 55.13(a) may be
13 designated as "Capital Improvement Debt Assistance."

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
15 amended by adding Sections 55.1791, 55.1792, 55.1793, 55.1794,
16 55.1795, 55.1796, 55.1797, 55.1798, 55.1799, and 55.17991 to read
17 as follows:

18 Sec. 55.1791. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
19 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
20 subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University 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

1 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the
2 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate
3 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

4 (1) The Texas A&M University System, \$58 million for
5 construction of a STEM education center at the RELLIS campus;

6 (2) Prairie View A&M University, \$60 million for
7 construction of a teaching and academic student support services
8 facility;

9 (3) Tarleton State University:

10 (A) \$60 million for construction of a College of
11 Health Sciences and Human Services building on the Stephenville
12 campus; and

13 (B) \$60 million for Fort Worth campus expansion;

14 (4) Texas A&M University, \$75 million for construction
15 of a clinical veterinary teaching and research complex;

16 (5) Texas A&M University--Commerce, \$60 million for
17 construction of an agricultural education and research complex;

18 (6) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, \$60 million
19 for construction of an arts and media building;

20 (7) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$45 million for
21 construction of an engineering classroom and research building;

22 (8) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, \$60 million for
23 renovations to address deferred maintenance for campus buildings;

24 (9) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$50 million
25 for construction of a central utility plant and infrastructure
26 upgrades;

27 (10) West Texas A&M University, \$60 million for

1 infrastructure upgrades to address health and safety issues and the
2 renovation of an education building;

3 (11) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$60 million
4 for construction of a public health and education building;

5 (12) Texas A&M International University, \$60 million
6 for construction of a health science education and research center;

7 (13) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$46 million for
8 construction of a business, engineering, and technology building;
9 and

10 (14) The Texas A&M University System Health Science
11 Center:

12 (A) \$80 million for construction of the Texas
13 Medical Center Building 3 in Houston, Texas; and

14 (B) \$40 million for construction of a nursing
15 education and research center in McAllen, Texas.

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

23 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
24 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
25 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M
26 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
27 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or

1 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

2 Sec. 55.1792. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
3 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
4 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System
5 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or
6 equip property and facilities, including roads and related
7 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of
8 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a
9 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the
10 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate
11 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

12 (1) The University of Texas System, \$75 million for
13 renovation of the Microelectronics Research Center at the
14 J. J. Pickle Research Campus;

15 (2) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$70 million
16 for renovation of the Life Science building;

17 (3) The University of Texas at Austin, \$75 million for
18 renovation of the Physics, Math, and Astronomy building;

19 (4) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$70 million for
20 construction of a student success center;

21 (5) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$70 million for
22 construction of an advanced teaching and learning complex;

23 (6) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$60
24 million for renovation of the Mesa Building and campus
25 transformation;

26 (7) The University of Texas--Rio Grande Valley, \$60
27 million for construction of a health affairs building;

1 (8) The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$70
2 million for construction of an Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and
3 Careers building;

4 (9) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$60 million for
5 construction of a sciences building;

6 (10) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
7 Houston, \$80 million for construction of a public health education
8 and research building;

9 (11) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
10 San Antonio, \$80 million for construction of the Glenn Biggs
11 Institute for Alzheimer's & Neurodegenerative Diseases Building;

12 (12) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
13 Tyler, \$69,972,826 for construction of a health professions
14 education center;

15 (13) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer
16 Center, \$80 million for construction of a life sciences research,
17 innovation, and discovery initiative facility;

18 (14) The University of Texas Medical Branch at
19 Galveston, \$80 million for infrastructure and research space
20 upgrades for research buildings; and

21 (15) UT Southwestern Medical Center, \$80 million for
22 construction of the north campus Phase VI Brain Institute shell
23 space.

24 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
25 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
26 an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas
27 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge

1 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
2 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
3 bonds, are outstanding.

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

10 Sec. 55.1793. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
11 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
12 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston
13 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
14 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
15 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
16 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
17 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
18 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the
19 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,
20 as follows:

21 (1) the University of Houston System:
22 (A) \$70 million for construction of the Katy
23 Academic Building 2; and

24 (B) \$80 million for construction of a medical
25 research facility;

26 (2) the University of Houston:
27 (A) \$39,513,206 for construction of the Hobby

1 School of Public Affairs Building; and

2 (B) \$70 million for construction of the Sugar
3 Land Academic Building 2;

4 (3) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$60 million
5 for renovation of the Bayou Building, the Delta Building, and the
6 Student Services and Classroom Building;

7 (4) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$60 million
8 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus
9 infrastructure upgrades and for the construction of the Police
10 Department and Criminal Justice Academy Building; and

11 (5) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$60 million
12 for construction of a health science building and an engineering
13 facility.

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

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

27 Sec. 55.1794. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL

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

11 (1) Texas State University System, \$15 million for
12 construction of a field research station and dam repair;

13 (2) Lamar State College--Orange, \$42 million for the
14 replacement of an academic building to house general academic
15 instruction and information technology services;

16 (3) Lamar State College--Port Arthur, \$50 million for
17 construction of an allied health and sciences building;

18 (4) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$48 million for
19 construction of a facility for workforce and allied health
20 programs;

21 (5) Lamar University, \$60 million for renovation of a
22 library;

23 (6) Sul Ross State University, \$35,250,000 for
24 renovation of fine arts facilities;

25 (7) Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College,
26 \$44,235,000 for construction of a multipurpose education and
27 services building;

1 (8) Sam Houston State University:

2 (A) \$60 million for construction of an allied
3 health building located in Conroe, Texas; and

4 (B) \$60 million for construction of an active
5 learning center located in Huntsville, Texas; and

6 (9) Texas State University:

7 (A) \$70 million for construction of a STEM
8 classroom building located in San Marcos, Texas; and

9 (B) \$70 million for construction of a health
10 professions building located in Round Rock, Texas.

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

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

24 Sec. 55.1795. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
25 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
26 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas
27 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,

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

8 (1) the University of North Texas:

9 (A) \$70 million for construction of a science and
10 technology research building; and

11 (B) \$70 million for construction of a commerce,
12 analytics, technology, and engineering building in Frisco, Texas;

13 (2) the University of North Texas at Dallas, \$60
14 million for construction of a science building; and

15 (3) the University of North Texas Health Science
16 Center at Fort Worth, \$80 million for campus space optimization and
17 realignment.

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

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

1 of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
2 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
3 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

4 Sec. 55.1796. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

5 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,
6 the board of regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire,
7 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property
8 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a
9 health sciences center, to be financed through the issuance of
10 bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the
11 aggregate principal amount of \$60 million.

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

18 Sec. 55.1797. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY;
19 ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted
20 by this subchapter, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State
21 University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
22 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
23 related infrastructure, for demolition of the Miller Science
24 Building, renovation of the Forestry Building, and construction of
25 a new addition, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in
26 accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate
27 principal amount of \$53 million.

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

7 Sec. 55.1798. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
8 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
9 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University
10 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
11 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
12 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
13 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
14 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
15 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the
16 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,
17 as follows:

18 (1) Angelo State University, \$36 million for a central
19 plant maintenance and renovation;

20 (2) Texas Tech University, \$70 million for renovations
21 to address deferred maintenance for campus buildings;

22 (3) Midwestern State University, \$50 million for
23 renovations to an existing building and other campus infrastructure
24 upgrades;

25 (4) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

26 (A) \$80 million for maintenance and renovation of
27 an existing facility; and

1 (B) \$25 million for construction and equipment of
2 the physician assistant facility in Midland, Texas; and

3 (5) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El
4 Paso, \$80 million for construction of a dental school 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 Tech 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 Tech
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. 55.1799. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

19 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,
20 the board of regents of Texas Southern University may acquire,
21 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property
22 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for
23 renovations to existing buildings and other campus infrastructure
24 upgrades to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance
25 with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount
26 of \$60 million.

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

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

6 Sec. 55.17991. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a)
7 In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
8 board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may
9 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
10 property and facilities, including roads and related
11 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of
12 bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following entity
13 and institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal
14 amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

15 (1) Texas State Technical College System, \$33.3
16 million for the East Williamson County Higher Education Center
17 expansion;

18 (2) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend,
19 \$41,800,000 for Fort Bend County campus expansion;

20 (3) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen,
21 \$37,800,000 for Harlingen campus expansion;

22 (4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall, \$15
23 million for Marshall campus expansion;

24 (5) Texas State Technical College--North Texas, \$13.5
25 million for North Texas campus expansion;

26 (6) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$13.5
27 million for West Texas campus expansion; and

1 (7) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$50 million
2 for Waco campus expansion.

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 Technical
6 College System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a
7 pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated
8 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to
9 refund those 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 Technical College 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 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect any authority or
17 restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of
18 higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed
19 by bonds authorized by this Act.

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