

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas Woman's University System.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 107, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 107. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

SECTION 2. Section 107.01, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 107.01. TEXAS WOMAN'S [~~LOCATION AND PURPOSE OF~~] UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. The Texas Woman's University System is a woman-focused system composed of:

- (1) Texas Woman's University; and
- (2) any other institution assigned by law to the governance, control, jurisdiction, and management of the board of regents of the system [~~an institution of higher education for women with its main campus at Denton~~].

SECTION 3. Section 107.21, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 107.21. BOARD OF REGENTS. (a) The board of regents of the system [~~university~~] is composed of nine persons, four of whom must [~~shall~~] be women, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

(b) Each member of the board must [~~shall~~] be a qualified

1 voter, ~~[+]~~ and the members must ~~[shall]~~ be selected from different
2 portions of the state.

3 (c) The members hold office for staggered terms of six
4 years, with the terms of three expiring February 1 of odd-numbered
5 years.

6 SECTION 4. Section 107.23, Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 107.23. BOARD MEETINGS; MINUTES. The presiding
9 officer shall convene the board to consider any business connected
10 with the system ~~[university]~~ whenever the presiding officer deems
11 it expedient. A full record shall be kept of all the board's
12 proceedings.

13 SECTION 5. Section 107.42, Education Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 107.42. STAFF. (a) The board shall appoint a chief
16 executive officer ~~[president]~~ of the system ~~[university]~~ and other
17 officers and employees it deems proper and shall fix their
18 salaries.

19 (b) The chief executive officer of the system shall also
20 serve as the president of Texas Woman's University.

21 (c) The board shall make rules and regulations for the
22 government of the system's ~~[university's]~~ staff as it deems
23 advisable.

24 SECTION 6. Section 107.44, Education Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 Sec. 107.44. RULES AND REGULATIONS. The board shall adopt
27 rules and regulations it deems necessary to carry out the purposes

1 of the system [~~institution~~] and to enforce the faithful discharge
2 of the duties of all officers, professors, and students.

3 SECTION 7. Section 107.45(a), Education Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (a) The board of regents has the power of eminent domain to
6 acquire for the use of the system [~~university~~] in the manner
7 prescribed by Chapter 21, Property Code, any real property that may
8 be necessary and proper for carrying out its purposes.

9 SECTION 8. Section 107.46, Education Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 107.46. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The board is
12 specifically authorized, upon terms and conditions acceptable to
13 it, to accept, retain, and administer gifts, grants, or donations
14 of any kind, including real estate or money, from any source, for
15 use by the system [~~university~~], and to carry out the directions,
16 limitations, and provisions declared in writing in the gifts,
17 grants, or donations.

18 SECTION 9. Subchapter C, Chapter 107, Education Code, is
19 amended by adding Section 107.47 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 107.47. REPORT ON TRANSITION OF BRANCH LOCATIONS TO
21 COMPONENT INSTITUTIONS. (a) Not later than December 1, 2022, the
22 system shall, using available funding, prepare and submit to the
23 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
24 representatives, and the chairs of the standing legislative
25 committees with primary jurisdiction over appropriations or higher
26 education a report on the transition of the Texas Woman's
27 University branch locations at Dallas and Houston to component

1 institutions of the system. The report must include:

2 (1) a strategy for each branch location to attain
3 accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
4 Commission on Colleges;

5 (2) a strategy for improvement and expansion of
6 facilities, if needed, at each branch location that does not
7 include the use of additional state funding;

8 (3) proposed degree programs to be offered by each
9 branch location that will meet the requirements for approval by the
10 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the estimated
11 additional state costs associated with those programs; and

12 (4) any anticipated increase in administrative costs
13 associated with the transition, including any personnel costs
14 required to attain accreditation described by Subdivision (1).

15 (b) This section expires January 1, 2023.

16 SECTION 10. Section 107.62, Education Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 107.62. OBLIGATIONS; PLEDGE OF REVENUE. In payment
19 for the erecting and equipping of dormitories and improvements, the
20 board may issue its obligations in the amount and on the terms
21 deemed advisable by the board. As security the board may pledge the
22 income from the dormitories and improvements erected or from other
23 dormitories owned by the system [~~university~~], as well as all other
24 revenue derived by the system [~~university~~] from other sources,
25 except revenue derived by means of appropriations made for a
26 specific purpose by the legislature.

27 SECTION 11. Section 107.63, Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 107.63. SALE OF REAL ESTATE. The board may sell or
3 encumber any part of [~~the campus or~~] real property [~~estate~~] owned by
4 the system [~~university~~] for the purpose of obtaining funds with
5 which to erect and equip these improvements or for the purpose of
6 securing the payment of its obligations issued to any person, firm,
7 or corporation for the erecting or equipping of these improvements.

8 SECTION 12. Section 107.64, Education Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 107.64. REQUIRED DORMITORY RESIDENCE. The board may
11 adopt regulations it deems reasonable requiring any class or
12 classes of students to reside in system [~~university~~] dormitories or
13 other buildings.

14 SECTION 13. Section 107.65, Education Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 107.65. MANAGEMENT OF DORMITORIES. The board has
17 absolute and sole management and control of system [~~university~~]
18 dormitories and other improvements.

19 SECTION 14. Section 107.67, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 107.67. LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS. In the erecting,
22 or in contracts for the erecting, of dormitories and other
23 improvements, the board may not in any manner incur any
24 indebtedness against the system [~~university~~] except as provided in
25 Sections 107.62 and 107.63 [~~of this code~~]. The obligations
26 incurred in the erecting of dormitories and other improvements may
27 never be personal obligations of the system [~~university~~] but shall

1 be discharged solely from the revenue or property authorized to be
2 pledged for that purpose.

3 SECTION 15. Section 107.69(a), Education Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (a) The board may establish an historical collection of
6 items illustrating the history of women in Texas. The historical
7 collection is to be housed in a building belonging to the system
8 [~~university~~] and is to be known as "The History of Texas Women."
9 When established, the historical collection may be designated a
10 state historical collection and shall be for the use and enjoyment
11 of all citizens of Texas.

12 SECTION 16. Section 107.81(a), Education Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (a) Campus security personnel commissioned under Section
15 51.203 [~~of this code~~] have concurrent jurisdiction with police
16 officers of a municipality in which a component institution of the
17 system is located [~~the City of Denton~~] to enforce all criminal laws,
18 including traffic laws, of the state and all ordinances of the
19 municipality [~~city~~] regulating traffic on any public street running
20 through the property of the system [~~university~~] and on any public
21 street immediately adjacent to property owned or occupied and
22 controlled by the system [~~university~~].

23 SECTION 17. Sections 107.82(a), (c), (d), and (e),
24 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

25 (a) The board of regents and the governing body of a
26 municipality in which a component institution of the system is
27 located [~~city council of Denton~~] may enter into written agreements,

1 authorized by resolution of each governing body, to authorize the
2 regular employed peace officers of the system [~~university~~] to
3 assist the peace officers of the municipality [~~city~~] in enforcing
4 the laws of the state and the ordinances of the municipality [~~city~~]
5 at any location in the municipality [~~city~~].

6 (c) While acting pursuant to the agreement in Subsection (a)
7 [~~above~~] and when such act is outside the property of the system
8 [~~university~~] or outside any public street running through, adjacent
9 to, or within property owned or occupied and controlled by the
10 system [~~university~~], the peace officers of the system [~~university~~]
11 are under the jurisdiction and command of the chief of police of the
12 municipality [~~Denton~~].

13 (d) Neither the state nor the system [~~university~~] is liable
14 for actions of a campus police officer acting under the
15 jurisdiction and command of the chief of police of the municipality
16 [~~Denton~~].

17 (e) The system has [~~university shall have~~] jurisdiction
18 over its personnel and students upon property owned by the system
19 [~~university~~] to the extent that it may:

20 (1) assign and regulate parking spaces for its use and
21 charge and collect appropriate fees for parking and improper
22 parking;

23 (2) prohibit parking where it deems necessary; and

24 (3) set and collect fees for and remove vehicles
25 parked in violation of its rules and regulations or the laws of the
26 State of Texas.

27 SECTION 18. Section [107.83](#), Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 107.83. CITY DELEGATION OF PARKING REGULATION
3 AUTHORITY. (a) By contract between the municipality [~~city~~] and the
4 system [~~university~~], the governing body [~~city council~~] of the
5 municipality in which a component institution of the system is
6 located [~~Denton~~] may delegate to the system [~~university~~] the
7 authority to regulate the parking of vehicles on any public street
8 running through or immediately adjacent to property owned or
9 occupied and controlled by the system [~~university~~].

10 (b) The contract may authorize the system [~~university~~] to
11 assign and regulate parking spaces for its use, to charge and
12 collect a fee from its personnel and students for parking, to
13 prohibit parking, and to charge and collect a fee for removing
14 vehicles parked in violation of law or ordinance or in violation of
15 a rule governing the parking of vehicles adopted by the board. All
16 parking violations shall be filed in the municipal court [~~Municipal~~
17 ~~Court of Denton~~] or the justice of the peace court having
18 jurisdiction over the offense.

19 (c) Before the contract is considered by the governing body
20 of the municipality [~~city council~~] or the board, the attorney
21 general and the applicable city attorney [~~of Denton~~] shall review
22 and either approve the contract or file written legal objections to
23 the contract with the chief executive officer of both the board and
24 the governing body of the municipality [~~council~~]. The contract
25 must be approved by resolution of the board and the governing body
26 of the municipality [~~city council~~].

27 SECTION 19. Section 107.84, Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 107.84. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
3 does not:

4 (1) limit the police powers of a municipality [~~the~~
5 ~~city~~] or its law enforcement jurisdiction;

6 (2) render a campus peace officer an employee of a
7 municipality [~~the city~~] or entitle a campus peace officer to
8 compensation from a municipality [~~the city~~]; or

9 (3) restrict the power of the system [~~university~~]
10 under other law to enforce laws, ordinances, or rules regulating
11 traffic or parking.

12 SECTION 20. Chapter 107, Education Code, is amended by
13 adding Subchapters F, G, and H to read as follows:

14 SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

15 Sec. 107.101. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) Texas Woman's
16 University is a woman-focused general academic teaching
17 institution located in the city of Denton.

18 (b) The university is under the management and control of
19 the board of regents.

20 SUBCHAPTER G. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS

21 Sec. 107.151. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS. (a)
22 Texas Woman's University at Dallas is a woman-focused general
23 academic teaching institution located in the city of Dallas.

24 (b) The university is under the management and control of
25 the board of regents.

26 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
27 the university may operate as a general academic teaching

1 institution only after the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
2 Board certifies that the university is accredited by the Southern
3 Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and has
4 been approved by the coordinating board to offer one or more degree
5 programs. Until the coordinating board certifies that the
6 conditions of this subsection have been met, the board of regents
7 may operate a branch campus of Texas Woman's University in the city
8 of Dallas.

9 SUBCHAPTER H. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT HOUSTON

10 Sec. 107.201. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT HOUSTON. (a)

11 Texas Woman's University at Houston is a woman-focused general
12 academic teaching institution located in the city of Houston.

13 (b) The university is under the management and control of
14 the board of regents.

15 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
16 the university may operate as a general academic teaching
17 institution only after the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
18 Board certifies that the university is accredited by the Southern
19 Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and has
20 been approved by the coordinating board to offer one or more degree
21 programs. Until the coordinating board certifies that the
22 conditions of this subsection have been met, the board of regents
23 may operate a branch campus of Texas Woman's University in the city
24 of Houston.

25 SECTION 21. Section 50A.010, Agriculture Code, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 50A.010. DUTIES. (a) The council shall:

1 (1) adopt procedures as necessary to administer this
2 chapter, including procedures for awarding contracts under this
3 chapter;

4 (2) issue requests for research proposals and award
5 grants:

6 (A) to enhance the health benefits of fruits and
7 vegetables; or

8 (B) to help growers maximize crop yields through
9 applied research;

10 (3) develop educational materials that promote the
11 benefits of consuming fruits and vegetables; and

12 (4) in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural
13 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
14 University, The University of Texas System, the Texas Woman's
15 University System, state agencies, and produce associations,
16 develop innovative educational programs related to appropriate and
17 safe methods of storing, preparing, and serving fresh produce.

18 (b) The council may:

19 (1) issue requests for proposals as necessary to
20 administer this chapter; or

21 (2) publish educational materials or other materials
22 developed in conjunction with employees of the Texas Agricultural
23 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
24 University, The University of Texas System, or the Texas Woman's
25 University System.

26 SECTION 22. The heading to Section 54.5085, Education Code,
27 is amended to read as follows:

1 Sec. 54.5085. MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; TEXAS WOMAN'S
2 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

3 SECTION 23. Sections 54.5085(a), (b), and (c), Education
4 Code, are amended to read as follows:

5 (a) The board of regents of the Texas Woman's University
6 System may charge each student registered at a component
7 institution of the system [~~university~~] a medical services fee not
8 to exceed \$55 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week
9 summer session and not to exceed \$25 for each six-week or shorter
10 term of the summer session.

11 (b) Before the board imposes or increases a fee charged at a
12 component institution under this section, the board shall consider
13 the recommendations of a student fee advisory committee established
14 by the president of the institution [~~university~~]. A majority of the
15 members of the advisory committee must be students appointed by the
16 presiding officer of the student governing body of the institution
17 and the remainder of the members must be appointed by the president
18 of the institution [~~university~~]. The board may increase the amount
19 of the fee by an amount that is more than 10 percent of the amount
20 imposed in the preceding academic year only if that increase is
21 approved by a majority vote of those students of the institution
22 [~~university~~] participating in a general election called for that
23 purpose.

24 (c) A medical services fee charged at a component
25 institution under this section may be used only to provide medical
26 services to students registered at the institution [~~university~~].

27 SECTION 24. Section 54.525, Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 54.525. FEES FOR STUDENT CENTERS; TEXAS WOMAN'S
3 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COMPONENTS. (a) The board of regents of the
4 Texas Woman's University System may levy a regular, fixed student
5 fee of not less than \$25 or more than \$75 [~~per student~~] for each
6 semester of the long session and of not less than \$12.50 or more
7 than \$35 [~~per student~~] for each term of the summer session on each
8 student enrolled at a component institution of the system, as the
9 board determines is just and necessary for the purpose of
10 financing, improving, operating, maintaining, and equipping
11 student centers and acquiring or constructing additions to student
12 centers.

13 (b) The board may increase a student fee levied at an
14 institution under this section. If the increase is for more than \$3
15 per fiscal year, a majority of the students enrolled in the
16 institution voting in an election called for that purpose must
17 approve the increase.

18 (c) Revenue from a fee imposed at an institution under this
19 section shall be deposited to the credit of an account known as the
20 student center fee account [~~"Texas Woman's University Student~~
21 ~~Center Fee Account"~~] under the control of the institution's
22 [~~university's~~] student fee advisory committee. Annually, the
23 committee shall submit to the president of the institution
24 [~~university~~] its recommendation for any change to the amount of the
25 fee and a complete and itemized budget for the student center
26 together with a complete report of all student center activities
27 conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in

1 connection with those activities. The president shall submit the
2 budget to the board of regents as part of the institution's
3 [~~university's~~] institutional budget. The board of regents may make
4 changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.

5 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board may increase
6 the amount of the fee imposed at an institution for a semester or
7 summer session to an amount that does not exceed \$150 if the
8 increase is approved by a majority vote of those students enrolled
9 at the institution participating in a general election called for
10 that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may not be
11 charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased amount
12 is first charged unless, before the end of that academic year, the
13 institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in which event
14 the increased amount may not be charged after the academic year in
15 which all such bonds, including refunding bonds for those bonds,
16 have been fully paid.

17 SECTION 25. Section 54.5251, Education Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 54.5251. STUDENT FITNESS AND RECREATIONAL FEE; TEXAS
20 WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The board of regents of the Texas
21 Woman's University System may charge each student enrolled at a
22 component institution of the system [~~university~~] a student fitness
23 and recreational fee in an amount not to exceed:

24 (1) \$125 for each regular semester or each summer
25 session of more than six weeks; or

26 (2) \$62.50 for each summer session of six weeks or
27 less.

1 (b) The fee may be used only for financing, constructing,
2 operating, maintaining, or improving a fitness or recreational
3 facility or for operating a fitness or recreational program at the
4 institution [~~university~~].

5 (c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority
6 vote of the students of the institution [~~university~~] who
7 participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

8 (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount
9 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as
10 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (c) or this
11 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote
12 of the students enrolled at the institution [~~university~~] who
13 participate in a general student election called for that purpose.

14 (e) The chief fiscal officer of the institution
15 [~~university~~] shall collect the fee and shall deposit the revenue
16 from the fee in an account to be known as the student fitness and
17 recreational account.

18 (f) The fee is not considered in determining the maximum
19 amount of student services fees that may be charged under Section
20 [54.503](#).

21 (g) The board may permit a person who is not enrolled at the
22 institution [~~university~~] to use a facility financed with revenue
23 from the fee imposed at the institution under this section only if:

24 (1) the person's use will not materially interfere
25 with use of the facility by students of the institution
26 [~~university~~];

27 (2) the person is charged a fee in an amount that is

1 not less than the amount of the student fee or the total amount of
2 the direct and indirect costs to the institution [~~university~~] of
3 providing for the person's use, except that a charge under this
4 subdivision may not be imposed on a person who uses the facility
5 under an existing lifetime contract with the institution
6 [~~university~~] for the use of fitness and recreational facilities;
7 and

8 (3) the person's use will not materially increase the
9 potential liability of the institution [~~university~~].

10 SECTION 26. Section 55.1718, Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 55.1718. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The
13 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
14 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
15 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related
16 infrastructure for a component institution of the system [~~Texas~~
17 ~~Woman's University~~] to be financed by the issuance of bonds in
18 accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal amount
19 of \$5 million.

20 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
21 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
22 University System, including student tuition charges required or
23 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at a component
24 institution of the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~]. The amount
25 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
26 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
27 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

1 SECTION 27. Section 55.1726, Education Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Sec. 55.1726. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The
4 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
5 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
6 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related
7 infrastructure for a component institution of the system [~~Texas~~
8 ~~Woman's University~~] to be financed by the issuance of bonds in
9 accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal amount
10 not to exceed \$8.5 million.

11 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
12 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
13 University System, including student tuition charges required or
14 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at a component
15 institution of the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~]. The amount
16 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
17 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
18 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

19 SECTION 28. Section 55.1736, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 55.1736. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
22 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
23 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may issue
24 bonds in accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal
25 amount not to exceed \$25,797,500 to finance the renovation of
26 academic and administrative buildings at a component institution of
27 the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~].

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

7 (c) Any portion of the proceeds of bonds authorized by this
8 section for one or more specified projects that is not required for
9 the specified projects may be used to renovate existing structures
10 and facilities at a component [~~the~~] institution of the system.

11 SECTION 29. Section 55.1756, Education Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 55.1756. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
14 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
15 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
16 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
17 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for
18 renovations and additions to the science building on the Denton
19 campus of Texas Woman's University, to be financed through the
20 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter in an
21 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,739,712.

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

1 SECTION 30. Section 55.1786, Education Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Sec. 55.1786. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
4 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
5 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
6 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
7 property and facilities, including roads and related
8 infrastructure, for a laboratory building, to be financed through
9 the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to
10 exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$37,997,000.

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 the Texas Woman's University System, including student tuition
14 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not
15 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is
16 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

17 SECTION 31. Section 62.021(a), Education Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (a) In each state fiscal year beginning with the state
20 fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, an eligible institution is
21 entitled to receive an amount allocated in accordance with this
22 section from the funds appropriated for that year by Section 17(a),
23 Article VII, Texas Constitution. The comptroller shall distribute
24 funds allocated under this subsection only on presentation of a
25 claim and issuance of a warrant in accordance with Section 403.071,
26 Government Code. An eligible institution may not present a claim to
27 be paid from any funds allocated under this subsection before the

1 delivery of goods or services described in Section 17, Article VII,
2 Texas Constitution, except for the payment of principal or interest
3 on bonds or notes or for a payment for a book or other published
4 library material as authorized by Section 2155.386, Government
5 Code. The allocation of funds under this subsection is made in
6 accordance with an equitable formula consisting of the following
7 elements: space deficit, facilities condition, institutional
8 complexity, and a separate allocation for the Texas State Technical
9 College System. The annual amounts allocated by the formula are as
10 follows:

- 11 (1) \$4,933,200 to Midwestern State University;
- 12 (2) to the following component institutions of the
13 University of North Texas System:
 - 14 (A) \$37,346,563 to the University of North Texas;
 - 15 (B) \$15,125,502 to the University of North Texas
16 Health Science Center at Fort Worth; and
 - 17 (C) \$3,354,441 to the University of North Texas
18 at Dallas;
- 19 (3) \$11,277,793 to Stephen F. Austin State University;
- 20 (4) to the following component institutions of the
21 Texas State University System:
 - 22 (A) \$13,141,181 to Lamar University;
 - 23 (B) \$2,553,130 to the Lamar Institute of
24 Technology;
 - 25 (C) \$1,488,396 to Lamar State College--Orange;
 - 26 (D) \$2,217,102 to Lamar State College--Port
27 Arthur;

- 1 (E) \$18,236,811 to Sam Houston State University;
- 2 (F) \$37,606,478 to Texas State University;
- 3 (G) \$2,151,723 to Sul Ross State University; and
- 4 (H) \$472,890 to Sul Ross State University-Rio
- 5 Grande College;
- 6 (5) \$11,719,335 to Texas Southern University;
- 7 (6) to the following component institutions of the
- 8 Texas Tech University System:
- 9 (A) \$49,874,746 to Texas Tech University;
- 10 (B) \$21,652,392 to Texas Tech University Health
- 11 Sciences Center;
- 12 (C) \$6,792,999 to Angelo State University; and
- 13 (D) \$5,557,572 to Texas Tech University Health
- 14 Sciences Center--El Paso;
- 15 (7) \$14,554,133 to the component institutions of the
- 16 Texas Woman's University System, allocated as determined by the
- 17 board of regents of the system;
- 18 (8) to the following component institutions of the
- 19 University of Houston System:
- 20 (A) \$54,514,004 to the University of Houston;
- 21 (B) \$3,542,817 to the University of
- 22 Houston--Victoria;
- 23 (C) \$7,726,043 to the University of
- 24 Houston--Clear Lake; and
- 25 (D) \$10,828,344 to the University of
- 26 Houston--Downtown;
- 27 (9) to the following component institutions of The

1 Texas A&M University System:

2 (A) \$11,478,824 to Texas A&M University--Corpus
3 Christi;

4 (B) \$7,462,394 to Texas A&M International
5 University;

6 (C) \$8,858,060 to Texas A&
7 University--Kingsville;

8 (D) \$7,446,495 to West Texas A&M University;

9 (E) \$11,123,859 to Texas A&
10 University--Commerce; and

11 (F) \$2,050,273 to Texas A&
12 University--Texarkana; and

13 (10) \$8,662,500 to the Texas State Technical College
14 System Administration and the following component campuses, but not
15 its extension centers or programs:

16 (A) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen;

17 (B) Texas State Technical College--Marshall;

18 (C) Texas State Technical College--West Texas;

19 (D) Texas State Technical College--Waco;

20 (E) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend;

21 and

22 (F) Texas State Technical College--North Texas.

23 SECTION 32. Section 301.001(1), Health and Safety Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (1) "Eligible institution" means an entity engaged in
26 health-related pursuits that, except for cooperative associations,
27 is exempt from federal income tax and includes only:

- 1 (A) a municipality;
- 2 (B) a political subdivision of the state;
- 3 (C) a state-supported health-related
- 4 institution, including:
 - 5 (i) The Texas A&M University System;
 - 6 (ii) The University of Texas System; and
 - 7 (iii) the Texas Woman's University System;
- 8 (D) a nonprofit health-related institution; or
- 9 (E) a cooperative association created under
- 10 Subchapter B, a unit of which is located in a county with a
- 11 population of more than 3.3 million.

12 SECTION 33. Section 301.031(1), Health and Safety Code, is

13 amended to read as follows:

14 (1) "Eligible institution" means an entity engaged in

15 health-related pursuits that, except for cooperative associations,

16 is exempt from federal income tax and includes only:

- 17 (A) a municipality;
- 18 (B) a political subdivision of the state;
- 19 (C) a health-related institution supported by
- 20 the state or federal government or by a federal department,
- 21 division, or agency, including:
 - 22 (i) The Texas A&M University System;
 - 23 (ii) The University of Texas System;
 - 24 (iii) the Texas Woman's University System;
- 25 and
- 26 (iv) the Children's Nutrition Research
- 27 Center;

1 (D) a nonprofit health-related institution; and

2 (E) a cooperative association created to provide
3 a system, a unit of which is located in a county that has a
4 population of more than 1.3 million and in which a municipality with
5 a population of more than one million is primarily located, or in a
6 county contiguous to a county having those characteristics.

7 SECTION 34. (a) The transition of Texas Woman's University
8 to the Texas Woman's University System under this Act does not
9 affect the validity of any contracts or written obligations,
10 including bonds, entered into by the board of regents of Texas
11 Woman's University on the university's behalf. In those contracts
12 and written obligations, the board of regents of the Texas Woman's
13 University System is substituted for and stands and acts in the
14 place of the board of regents of Texas Woman's University to the
15 extent permitted by law.

16 (b) The transition of Texas Woman's University to the Texas
17 Woman's University System under this Act does not affect:

18 (1) the status of any student enrolled at the
19 university when the transition takes effect; or

20 (2) the employment status or accrued benefits of any
21 person employed by the university when the transition takes effect.

22 (c) All funds that, on the effective date of the transition,
23 have been appropriated to or dedicated to or are held for the use
24 and benefit of Texas Woman's University are transferred to the
25 Texas Woman's University System for the use and benefit of the
26 system to the extent permitted by law.

27 (d) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections [55.1718](#),

1 55.1726, 55.1736, 55.1756, and 55.1786, Education Code, do not
2 authorize bonds in an amount that exceeds the original amount of
3 bonds authorized by those sections.

4 (e) The board of regents of the Texas Woman's University
5 System may take any action necessary to transition Texas Woman's
6 University to the Texas Woman's University System under this Act,
7 including by:

8 (1) allocating university funds, property, and
9 personnel as the board determines appropriate between the system's
10 component institutions; and

11 (2) postponing the effect of any other changes made by
12 this Act as the board determines appropriate.

13 SECTION 35. Subchapters G and H, Chapter 107, Education
14 Code, as added by this Act, apply beginning with the 2023-2024
15 academic year.

16 SECTION 36. This Act takes effect immediately if it
17 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
18 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
19 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
20 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1126 passed the Senate on April 19, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1126 passed the House, with amendment, on May 7, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 2, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor