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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas
- 3 Woman's University System.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 107, Education Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 CHAPTER 107. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
- 8 SECTION 2. Section 107.01, Education Code, is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 107.01. TEXAS WOMAN'S [<del>LOCATION AND PURPOSE OF</del>]
- 11 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. The Texas Woman's University System is a
- 12 woman-focused system composed of:
- 13 (1) Texas Woman's University; and
- 14 (2) such other institutions as may be assigned by
- 15 specific legislative act to the governance, control, jurisdiction,
- 16 and management of the board of regents of the system [an institution
- 17 of higher education for women with its main campus at Denton].
- 18 SECTION 3. Section 107.21, Education Code, is amended to
- 19 read as follows:
- Sec. 107.21. BOARD OF REGENTS. (a) The board of regents of
- 21 the system [university] is composed of nine persons, four of whom
- 22 <u>must</u> [shall] be women, appointed by the governor with the advice and
- 23 consent of the senate.
- (b) Each member of the board must [shall] be a qualified

- 1 voter, [+] and the members  $\underline{\text{must}}$  [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.
- SECTION 5. Section 107.42, Education Code, is amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- Sec. 107.42. STAFF. (a) The board shall appoint a chief
- 16 <u>executive officer</u> [president] of the <u>system</u> [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 <u>(c)</u> The board shall make rules and regulations for the
- 22 government of the <a href="mailto:system's">system's</a> [university's] staff as it deems
- 23 advisable.
- SECTION 6. Section 107.44, Education Code, is amended to
- 25 read as follows:
- 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. Section 107.62, Education Code, is amended to
- 19 read as follows:
- Sec. 107.62. OBLIGATIONS; PLEDGE OF REVENUE. In payment
- 21 for the erecting and equipping of dormitories and improvements, the
- 22 board may issue its obligations in the amount and on the terms
- 23 deemed advisable by the board. As security the board may pledge the
- 24 income from the dormitories and improvements erected or from other
- 25 dormitories owned by the system [university], as well as all other
- 26 revenue derived by the system [university] from other sources,
- 27 except revenue derived by means of appropriations made for a

- 1 specific purpose by the legislature.
- 2 SECTION 10. Section 107.63, Education Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 107.63. SALE OF REAL ESTATE. The board may sell or
- 5 encumber any part of [the campus or] real property [estate] owned by
- 6 the system [university] for the purpose of obtaining funds with
- 7 which to erect and equip these improvements or for the purpose of
- 8 securing the payment of its obligations issued to any person, firm,
- 9 or corporation for the erecting or equipping of these improvements.
- 10 SECTION 11. Section 107.64, Education Code, is amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 107.64. REQUIRED DORMITORY RESIDENCE. The board may
- 13 adopt regulations it deems reasonable requiring any class or
- 14 classes of students to reside in system [university] dormitories or
- 15 other buildings.
- SECTION 12. Section 107.65, Education Code, is amended to
- 17 read as follows:
- 18 Sec. 107.65. MANAGEMENT OF DORMITORIES. The board has
- 19 absolute and sole management and control of system [university]
- 20 dormitories and other improvements.
- 21 SECTION 13. Section 107.67, Education Code, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- Sec. 107.67. LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS. In the erecting,
- 24 or in contracts for the erecting, of dormitories and other
- 25 improvements, the board may not in any manner incur any
- 26 indebtedness against the system [university] except as provided in
- 27 Sections 107.62 and 107.63 [of this code]. The obligations

- 1 incurred in the erecting of dormitories and other improvements may
- 2 never be personal obligations of the <a href="mailto:system">system</a> [university] but shall
- 3 be discharged solely from the revenue or property authorized to be
- 4 pledged for that purpose.
- 5 SECTION 14. Section 107.69(a), Education Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (a) The board may establish an historical collection of
- 8 items illustrating the history of women in Texas. The historical
- 9 collection is to be housed in a building belonging to the system
- 10 [university] and is to be known as "The History of Texas Women."
- 11 When established, the historical collection may be designated a
- 12 state historical collection and shall be for the use and enjoyment
- 13 of all citizens of Texas.
- 14 SECTION 15. Section 107.81(a), Education Code, is amended
- 15 to read as follows:
- 16 (a) Campus security personnel commissioned under Section
- 17 51.203 [of this code] have concurrent jurisdiction with police
- 18 officers of a municipality in which a component institution of the
- 19 system is located [the City of Denton] to enforce all criminal laws,
- 20 including traffic laws, of the state and all ordinances of the
- 21 <u>municipality</u> [city] regulating traffic on any public street running
- 22 through the property of the <a href="system">system</a> [university] and on any public
- 23 street immediately adjacent to property owned or occupied and
- 24 controlled by the system [university].
- 25 SECTION 16. Sections 107.82(a), (c), (d), and (e),
- 26 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 27 (a) The board of regents and the governing body of a

- 1 municipality in which a component institution of the system is
- 2 <u>located</u> [city council of Denton] may enter into written agreements,
- 3 authorized by resolution of each governing body, to authorize the
- 4 regular employed peace officers of the <a href="mailto:system">system</a> [university] to
- 5 assist the peace officers of the municipality [city] in enforcing
- 6 the laws of the state and the ordinances of the municipality [city]
- 7 at any location in the municipality [city].
- 8 (c) While acting pursuant to the agreement in Subsection (a)
- 9 [above] and when such act is outside the property of the system
- 10 [university] or outside any public street running through, adjacent
- 11 to, or within property owned or occupied and controlled by the
- 12 <u>system</u> [university], the peace officers of the <u>system</u> [university]
- 13 are under the jurisdiction and command of the chief of police of the
- 14 municipality [Denton].
- 15 (d) Neither the state nor the system [university] is liable
- 16 for actions of a campus police officer acting under the
- 17 jurisdiction and command of the chief of police of the municipality
- 18 [<del>Denton</del>].
- 19 (e) The system has [university shall have] jurisdiction
- 20 over its personnel and students upon property owned by the system
- 21 [university] to the extent that it may:
- 22 (1) assign and regulate parking spaces for its use and
- 23 charge and collect appropriate fees for parking and improper
- 24 parking;
- 25 (2) prohibit parking where it deems necessary; and
- 26 (3) set and collect fees for and remove vehicles
- 27 parked in violation of its rules and regulations or the laws of the

- 1 State of Texas.
- 2 SECTION 17. Section 107.83, Education Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 107.83. CITY DELEGATION OF PARKING REGULATION
- 5 AUTHORITY. (a) By contract between the municipality [city] and the
- 6 system [university], the governing body [city council] of the
- 7 municipality in which a component institution of the system is
- 8 located [Denton] may delegate to the system [university] the
- 9 authority to regulate the parking of vehicles on any public street
- 10 running through or immediately adjacent to property owned or
- 11 occupied and controlled by the <a href="system">system</a> [university].
- (b) The contract may authorize the <u>system</u> [university] to
- 13 assign and regulate parking spaces for its use, to charge and
- 14 collect a fee from its personnel and students for parking, to
- 15 prohibit parking, and to charge and collect a fee for removing
- 16 vehicles parked in violation of law or ordinance or in violation of
- 17 a rule governing the parking of vehicles adopted by the board. All
- 18 parking violations shall be filed in the municipal court [Municipal
- 19 Court of Denton or the justice of the peace court having
- 20 jurisdiction over the offense.
- 21 (c) Before the contract is considered by the governing body
- 22 of the municipality [city council] or the board, the attorney
- 23 general and the applicable city attorney [of Denton] shall review
- 24 and either approve the contract or file written legal objections to
- 25 the contract with the chief executive officer of both the board and
- 26 the governing body of the municipality [council]. The contract
- 27 must be approved by resolution of the board and the governing body

- 1 of the municipality [city council].
- 2 SECTION 18. Section 107.84, Education Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 107.84. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
- 5 does not:
- 6 (1) limit the police powers of a municipality [the
- 7 city] or its law enforcement jurisdiction;
- 8 (2) render a campus peace officer an employee of  $\underline{a}$
- 9 municipality [the city] or entitle a campus peace officer to
- 10 compensation from a municipality [the city]; or
- 11 (3) restrict the power of the <u>system</u> [<u>university</u>]
- 12 under other law to enforce laws, ordinances, or rules regulating
- 13 traffic or parking.
- 14 SECTION 19. Chapter 107, Education Code, is amended by
- 15 adding Subchapters F, G, and H to read as follows:
- 16 <u>SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY</u>
- Sec. 107.101. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) Texas Woman's
- 18 University is a woman-focused general academic teaching
- 19 institution located in the city of Denton.
- 20 (b) The university is under the management and control of
- 21 the board of regents.
- 22 <u>SUBCHAPTER G. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS</u>
- Sec. 107.151. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS. (a)
- 24 Texas Woman's University at Dallas is a woman-focused general
- 25 academic teaching institution located in the city of Dallas.
- 26 (b) The university is under the management and control of
- 27 the board of regents.

- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, 1 2 the university may operate as a general academic teaching 3 institution only after the Texas Higher Education Coordinating 4 Board certifies that the university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and has 5 been approved by the coordinating board to offer one or more degree 6 7 programs. Until the coordinating board certifies that the 8 conditions of this subsection have been met, the board of regents 9 may operate a branch campus of Texas Woman's University in the city of Dallas. 10
- SUBCHAPTER H. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT HOUSTON
- Sec. 107.201. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT HOUSTON. (a)
- 13 Texas Woman's University at Houston is a woman-focused general
- 14 academic teaching institution located in the city of Houston.
- (b) The university is under the management and control of
- 16 the board of regents.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
- 18 the university may operate as a general academic teaching
- 19 institution only after the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
- 20 Board certifies that the university is accredited by the Southern
- 21 <u>Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and has</u>
- 22 been approved by the coordinating board to offer one or more degree
- 23 programs. Until the coordinating board certifies that the
- 24 conditions of this subsection have been met, the board of regents
- 25 may operate a branch campus of Texas Woman's University in the city
- 26 of Houston.
- 27 SECTION 20. Section 50A.010, Agriculture Code, is amended

- 1 to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 50A.010. DUTIES. (a) The council shall:
- 3 (1) adopt procedures as necessary to administer this
- 4 chapter, including procedures for awarding contracts under this
- 5 chapter;
- 6 (2) issue requests for research proposals and award
- 7 grants:
- 8 (A) to enhance the health benefits of fruits and
- 9 vegetables; or
- 10 (B) to help growers maximize crop yields through
- 11 applied research;
- 12 (3) develop educational materials that promote the
- 13 benefits of consuming fruits and vegetables; and
- 14 (4) in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural
- 15 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
- 16 University, The University of Texas System, the Texas Woman's
- 17 University System, state agencies, and produce associations,
- 18 develop innovative educational programs related to appropriate and
- 19 safe methods of storing, preparing, and serving fresh produce.
- 20 (b) The council may:
- 21 (1) issue requests for proposals as necessary to
- 22 administer this chapter; or
- 23 (2) publish educational materials or other materials
- 24 developed in conjunction with employees of the Texas Agricultural
- 25 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
- 26 University, The University of Texas System, or the Texas Woman's
- 27 University System.

- 1 SECTION 21. The heading to Section 54.5085, Education Code,
- 2 is amended to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 54.5085. MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; TEXAS WOMAN'S
- 4 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.
- 5 SECTION 22. Sections 54.5085(a), (b), and (c), Education
- 6 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 7 (a) The board of regents of the Texas Woman's University
- 8 System may charge each student registered at a component
- 9 institution of the system [university] a medical services fee not
- 10 to exceed \$55 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week
- 11 summer session and not to exceed \$25 for each six-week or shorter
- 12 term of the summer session.
- 13 (b) Before the board imposes or increases a fee charged at a
- 14 component institution under this section, the board shall consider
- 15 the recommendations of a student fee advisory committee established
- 16 by the president of the <u>institution</u> [university]. A majority of the
- 17 members of the advisory committee must be students appointed by the
- 18 presiding officer of the student governing body of the institution
- 19 and the remainder of the members must be appointed by the president
- 20 of the institution [university]. The board may increase the amount
- 21 of the fee by an amount that is more than 10 percent of the amount
- 22 imposed in the preceding academic year only if that increase is
- 23 approved by a majority vote of those students of the <u>institution</u>
- 24 [university] participating in a general election called for that
- 25 purpose.
- 26 (c) A medical services fee charged at a component
- 27 institution under this section may be used only to provide medical

- 1 services to students registered at the institution [university].
- 2 SECTION 23. Section 54.525, Education Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 54.525. FEES FOR STUDENT CENTERS; TEXAS WOMAN'S
- 5 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COMPONENTS. (a) The board of regents of the
- 6 Texas Woman's University System may levy a regular, fixed student
- 7 fee of not less than \$25 or more than \$75 [per student] for each
- 8 semester of the long session and of not less than \$12.50 or more
- 9 than \$35 [per student] for each term of the summer session on each
- 10 student enrolled at a component institution of the system, as the
- 11 board determines is just and necessary for the purpose of
- 12 financing, improving, operating, maintaining, and equipping
- 13 student centers and acquiring or constructing additions to student
- 14 centers.
- 15 (b) The board may increase a student fee levied at an
- 16 insti<u>tution</u> under this section. If the increase is for more than \$3
- 17 per fiscal year, a majority of the students <u>enrolled in the</u>
- 18 institution voting in an election called for that purpose must
- 19 approve the increase.
- 20 (c) Revenue from a fee imposed at an institution under this
- 21 section shall be deposited to the credit of an account known as the
- 22 <u>student center fee account ["Texas Woman's University Student</u>
- 23  $\frac{Center\ Fee\ Account"}{}$ ] under the control of the  $\frac{institution's}{}$
- 24 [university's] student fee advisory committee. Annually, the
- 25 committee shall submit to the president of the institution
- 26 [university] its recommendation for any change to the amount of the
- 27 fee and a complete and itemized budget for the student center

- 1 together with a complete report of all student center activities
- 2 conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in
- 3 connection with those activities. The president shall submit the
- 4 budget to the board of regents as part of the <u>institution's</u>
- 5 [university's] institutional budget. The board of regents may make
- 6 changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.
- 7 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board may increase
- 8 the amount of the fee <a href="imposed at an institution">institution</a> for a semester or
- 9 summer session to an amount that does not exceed \$150 if the
- 10 increase is approved by a majority vote of those students enrolled
- 11 at the institution participating in a general election called for
- 12 that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may not be
- 13 charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased amount
- 14 is first charged unless, before the end of that academic year, the
- 15 institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in which event
- 16 the increased amount may not be charged after the academic year in
- 17 which all such bonds, including refunding bonds for those bonds,
- 18 have been fully paid.
- 19 SECTION 24. Section 54.5251, Education Code, is amended to
- 20 read as follows:
- Sec. 54.5251. STUDENT FITNESS AND RECREATIONAL FEE; TEXAS
- 22 WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The board of regents of the Texas
- 23 Woman's University System may charge each student enrolled at a
- 24 <u>component institution of</u> the <u>system</u> [<u>university</u>] a student fitness
- 25 and recreational fee in an amount not to exceed:
- 26 (1) \$125 for each regular semester or each summer
- 27 session of more than six weeks; or

- 1 (2) \$62.50 for each summer session of six weeks or
- 2 less.
- 3 (b) The fee may be used only for financing, constructing,
- 4 operating, maintaining, or improving a fitness or recreational
- 5 facility or for operating a fitness or recreational program at the
- 6 institution [university].
- 7 (c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority
- 8 vote of the students of the <u>institution</u> [university] who
- 9 participate in a general student election held for that purpose.
- 10 (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount
- 11 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as
- 12 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (c) or this
- 13 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote
- 14 of the students enrolled at the institution [university] who
- 15 participate in a general student election called for that purpose.
- 16 (e) The chief fiscal officer of the <u>institution</u>
- 17 [university] shall collect the fee and shall deposit the revenue
- 18 from the fee in an account to be known as the student fitness and
- 19 recreational account.
- 20 (f) The fee is not considered in determining the maximum
- 21 amount of student services fees that may be charged under Section
- 22 54.503.
- 23 (g) The board may permit a person who is not enrolled at the
- 24 <u>institution</u> [university] to use a facility financed with revenue
- 25 from the fee imposed at the institution under this section only if:
- 26 (1) the person's use will not materially interfere
- 27 with use of the facility by students of the institution

## 1 [university];

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- 2 (2) the person is charged a fee in an amount that is
  3 not less than the amount of the student fee or the total amount of
  4 the direct and indirect costs to the <u>institution</u> [university] of
  5 providing for the person's use, except that a charge under this
  6 subdivision may not be imposed on a person who uses the facility
  7 under an existing lifetime contract with the <u>institution</u>
  8 [university] for the use of fitness and recreational facilities;
- 10 (3) the person's use will not materially increase the
- 12 SECTION 25. Section 55.1718, Education Code, is amended to 13 read as follows:

potential liability of the <u>institution</u> [university].

- Sec. 55.1718. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. 14 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may 15 16 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related 17 infrastructure for a component institution of the system [Texas 18 Woman's University] to be financed by the issuance of bonds in 19 20 accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal amount of \$5 million. 21
- 22 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
  23 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
  24 University System, including student tuition charges required or
  25 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at a component
  26 institution of the system [Texas Woman's University]. The amount
  27 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or

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- 1 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
- 2 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.
- 3 SECTION 26. Section 55.1726, Education Code, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 55.1726. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The
- 6 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
- 7 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
- 8 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related
- 9 infrastructure for <u>a component institution of the system</u> [Texas
- 10 Woman's University] to be financed by the issuance of bonds in
- 11 accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal amount
- 12 not to exceed \$8.5 million.
- 13 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
- 14 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of  $\underline{\text{the}}$  Texas Woman's
- 15 University System, including student tuition charges required or
- 16 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at a component
- 17 <u>institution of the system</u> [Texas Woman's University]. The amount
- 18 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
- 19 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
- 20 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.
- 21 SECTION 27. Section 55.1736, Education Code, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- Sec. 55.1736. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
- 24 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
- 25 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may issue
- 26 bonds in accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal
- 27 amount not to exceed \$25,797,500 to finance the renovation of

- 1 academic and administrative buildings at a component institution of
- 2 the system [Texas Woman's University].
- 3 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
- 4 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
- 5 University System, including student tuition charges. The amount
- 6 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 (c) Any portion of the proceeds of bonds authorized by this
- 10 section for one or more specified projects that is not required for
- 11 the specified projects may be used to renovate existing structures
- 12 and facilities at <u>a component</u> [the] institution of the system.
- SECTION 28. Section 55.1756, Education Code, is amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 55.1756. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
- 16 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
- 17 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
- 18 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
- 19 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for
- 20 renovations and additions to the science building on the Denton
- 21 campus of Texas Woman's University, to be financed through the
- 22 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter in an
- 23 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,739,712.
- 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 the Texas Woman's University System, including student tuition
- 27 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not

- 1 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is
- 2 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.
- 3 SECTION 29. Section 55.1786, Education Code, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 55.1786. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
- 6 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
- 7 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
- 8 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
- 9 property and facilities, including roads and related
- 10 infrastructure, for a laboratory building, to be financed through
- 11 the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to
- 12 exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$37,997,000.
- 13 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
- 14 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
- 15 the Texas Woman's University System, including student tuition
- 16 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not
- 17 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is
- 18 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.
- 19 SECTION 30. Section 62.021(a), Education Code, is amended
- 20 to read as follows:
- 21 (a) In each state fiscal year beginning with the state
- 22 fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, an eligible institution is
- 23 entitled to receive an amount allocated in accordance with this
- 24 section from the funds appropriated for that year by Section 17(a),
- 25 Article VII, Texas Constitution. The comptroller shall distribute
- 26 funds allocated under this subsection only on presentation of a
- 27 claim and issuance of a warrant in accordance with Section 403.071,

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1 Government Code. An eligible institution may not present a claim to
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- 2 be paid from any funds allocated under this subsection before the
- 3 delivery of goods or services described in Section 17, Article VII,
- 4 Texas Constitution, except for the payment of principal or interest
- 5 on bonds or notes or for a payment for a book or other published
- 6 library material as authorized by Section 2155.386, Government
- 7 Code. The allocation of funds under this subsection is made in
- 8 accordance with an equitable formula consisting of the following
- 9 elements: space deficit, facilities condition, institutional
- 10 complexity, and a separate allocation for the Texas State Technical
- 11 College System. The annual amounts allocated by the formula are as
- 12 follows:
- 13 (1) \$4,933,200 to Midwestern State University;
- 14 (2) to the following component institutions of the
- 15 University of North Texas System:
- 16 (A) \$37,346,563 to the University of North Texas;
- 17 (B) \$15,125,502 to the University of North Texas
- 18 Health Science Center at Fort Worth; and
- 19 (C) \$3,354,441 to the University of North Texas
- 20 at Dallas;
- 21 (3) \$11,277,793 to Stephen F. Austin State University;
- 22 (4) to the following component institutions of the
- 23 Texas State University System:
- 24 (A) \$13,141,181 to Lamar University;
- 25 (B) \$2,553,130 to the Lamar Institute of
- 26 Technology;
- 27 (C) \$1,488,396 to Lamar State College--Orange;

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1
                     (D)
                          $2,217,102 to Lamar
                                                  State College--Port
 2
   Arthur;
                     (E)
                          $18,236,811 to Sam Houston State University;
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 4
                     (F)
                          $37,606,478 to Texas State University;
 5
                          $2,151,723 to Sul Ross State University; and
                     (G)
                          $472,890 to Sul Ross State University-Rio
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                     (H)
 7
   Grande College;
                (5)
                     $11,719,335 to Texas Southern University;
8
                     to the following component institutions of the
 9
    Texas Tech University System:
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11
                     (A)
                          $49,874,746 to Texas Tech University;
                          $21,652,392 to Texas Tech University Health
12
                     (B)
13
    Sciences Center;
                          $6,792,999 to Angelo State University; and
14
15
                     (D)
                          $5,557,572 to Texas Tech University Health
16
    Sciences Center--El Paso;
17
                     $14,554,133 to the component institutions of the
                (7)
   Texas Woman's University System, allocated as determined by the
18
    board of regents of the system;
19
                    to the following component institutions of the
20
                (8)
   University of Houston System:
21
22
                          $54,514,004 to the University of Houston;
                          $3,542,817
23
                     (B)
                                         to
                                               the
                                                      University
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24
    Houston--Victoria;
25
                     (C)
                          $7,726,043
                                               the
                                                      University
                                         to
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   Houston--Clear Lake; and
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27
                     (D)
                          $10,828,344
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                                               the
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    Houston--Downtown;
                     to the following component institutions of The
 2
    Texas A&M University System:
 3
                          $11,478,824 to Texas A&M University--Corpus
 4
                     (A)
 5
    Christi;
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                     (B)
                          $7,462,394
                                                    A&M
                                        to
                                            Texas
                                                          International
 7
    University;
                          $8,858,060
8
                     (C)
                                                       Texas
                                             to
                                                                     A&M
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    University--Kingsville;
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                          $7,446,495 to West Texas A&M University;
                         $11,123,859
11
                     (E)
                                              to
                                                        Texas
                                                                     A&M
    University--Commerce; and
12
                          $2,050,273
13
                     (F)
                                             to
                                                       Texas
                                                                     A&M
    University--Texarkana; and
14
                      $8,662,500 to the Texas State Technical College
15
                (10)
    System Administration and the following component campuses, but not
16
    its extension centers or programs:
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18
                     (A)
                          Texas State Technical College-Harlingen;
                     (B)
                          Texas State Technical College--Marshall;
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                          Texas State Technical College--West Texas;
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                     (C)
                          Texas State Technical College--Waco;
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                     (D)
22
                     (E)
                          Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend;
    and
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24
                          Texas State Technical College -- North Texas.
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          SECTION 31. Section 301.001(1), Health and Safety Code, is
    amended to read as follows:
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                     "Eligible institution" means an entity engaged in
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health-related pursuits that, except for cooperative associations,
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    is exempt from federal income tax and includes only:
                     (A)
                          a municipality;
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 4
                          a political subdivision of the state;
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                     (C)
                                  state-supported
                                                        health-related
    institution, including:
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7
                               The Texas A&M University System;
                          (i)
                                The University of Texas System; and
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9
                                 the Texas Woman's University System;
10
                          a nonprofit health-related institution; or
                     (D)
11
                     (E)
                          a cooperative association created under
   Subchapter B, a unit of which is located in a county with a
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   population of more than 3.3 million.
          SECTION 32. Section 301.031(1), Health and Safety Code, is
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    amended to read as follows:
                    "Eligible institution" means an entity engaged in
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               (1)
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   health-related pursuits that, except for cooperative associations,
    is exempt from federal income tax and includes only:
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19
                     (A)
                          a municipality;
                          a political subdivision of the state;
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                          a health-related institution supported by
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                     (C)
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   the state or federal government or by a federal department,
   division, or agency, including:
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                          (i) The Texas A&M University System;
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                          (ii) The University of Texas System;
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                          (iii) the Texas Woman's University System;
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and

- 1 (iv) the Children's Nutrition Research
- 2 Center;
- 3 (D) a nonprofit health-related institution; and
- 4 (E) a cooperative association created to provide
- 5 a system, a unit of which is located in a county that has a
- 6 population of more than 1.3 million and in which a municipality with
- 7 a population of more than one million is primarily located, or in a
- 8 county contiguous to a county having those characteristics.
- 9 SECTION 33. (a) The transition of Texas Woman's University
- 10 to the Texas Woman's University System under this Act does not
- 11 affect the validity of any contracts or written obligations,
- 12 including bonds, entered into by the board of regents of Texas
- 13 Woman's University on the university's behalf. In those contracts
- 14 and written obligations, the board of regents of the Texas Woman's
- 15 University System is substituted for and stands and acts in the
- 16 place of the board of regents of Texas Woman's University to the
- 17 extent permitted by law.
- 18 (b) The transition of Texas Woman's University to the Texas
- 19 Woman's University System under this Act does not affect:
- 20 (1) the status of any student enrolled at the
- 21 university when the transition takes effect; or
- 22 (2) the employment status or accrued benefits of any
- 23 person employed by the university when the transition takes effect.
- (c) All funds that, on the effective date of the transition,
- 25 have been appropriated to or dedicated to or are held for the use
- 26 and benefit of Texas Woman's University are transferred to the
- 27 Texas Woman's University System for the use and benefit of the

- 1 system to the extent permitted by law.
- 2 (d) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 55.1718,
- 3 55.1726, 55.1736, 55.1756, and 55.1786, Education Code, do not
- 4 authorize bonds in an amount that exceeds the original amount of
- 5 bonds authorized by those sections.
- 6 (e) The board of regents of the Texas Woman's University
- 7 System may take any action necessary to transition Texas Woman's
- 8 University to the Texas Woman's University System under this Act,
- 9 including by:
- 10 (1) allocating university funds, property, and
- 11 personnel as the board determines appropriate between the system's
- 12 component institutions; and
- 13 (2) postponing the effect of any other changes made by
- 14 this Act as the board determines appropriate.
- 15 SECTION 34. This Act takes effect immediately if it
- 16 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
- 17 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 18 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
- 19 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.