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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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;

(2) Texas Woman's University at Dallas; and

(3) Texas Woman's University at Houston [~~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. Section 107.62, Education Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 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.

16 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:

23 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 incurred

1 in the erecting of dormitories and other improvements may never be
2 personal obligations of the system [~~university~~] but shall be
3 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 municipality [~~city~~] regulating traffic on any public street running
22 through the property of the system [~~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 located [~~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 system [~~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 system [~~university~~], the peace officers of the system [~~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 [~~Denton~~].

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 system [~~university~~].

12 (b) The contract may authorize the system [~~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 must
27 be approved by resolution of the board and the governing body of the

1 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 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 system [~~university~~]
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 SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

17 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 SUBCHAPTER G. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS

23 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.

1 SUBCHAPTER H. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT HOUSTON

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

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

5 (b) The university is under the management and control of
6 the board of regents.

7 SECTION 20. Section 50A.010, Agriculture Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

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

10 (1) adopt procedures as necessary to administer this
11 chapter, including procedures for awarding contracts under this
12 chapter;

13 (2) issue requests for research proposals and award
14 grants:

15 (A) to enhance the health benefits of fruits and
16 vegetables; or

17 (B) to help growers maximize crop yields through
18 applied research;

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

21 (4) in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural
22 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
23 University, The University of Texas System, the Texas Woman's
24 University System, state agencies, and produce associations,
25 develop innovative educational programs related to appropriate and
26 safe methods of storing, preparing, and serving fresh produce.

27 (b) The council may:

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

3 (2) publish educational materials or other materials
4 developed in conjunction with employees of the Texas Agricultural
5 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
6 University, The University of Texas System, or the Texas Woman's
7 University System.

8 SECTION 21. The heading to Section 54.5085, Education Code,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 54.5085. MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; TEXAS WOMAN'S
11 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

12 SECTION 22. Sections 54.5085(a), (b), and (c), Education
13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

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

20 (b) Before the board imposes or increases a fee charged at a
21 component institution under this section, the board shall consider
22 the recommendations of a student fee advisory committee established
23 by the president of the institution [~~university~~]. A majority of the
24 members of the advisory committee must be students appointed by the
25 presiding officer of the student governing body of the institution
26 and the remainder of the members must be appointed by the president
27 of the institution [~~university~~]. The board may increase the amount

1 of the fee by an amount that is more than 10 percent of the amount
2 imposed in the preceding academic year only if that increase is
3 approved by a majority vote of those students of the institution
4 [~~university~~] participating in a general election called for that
5 purpose.

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

9 SECTION 23. Section 54.525, Education Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

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

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

27 (c) Revenue from a fee imposed at an institution under this

1 section shall be deposited to the credit of an account known as the
2 student center fee account [~~"Texas Woman's University Student~~
3 ~~Center Fee Account"~~] under the control of the institution's
4 [~~university's~~] student fee advisory committee. Annually, the
5 committee shall submit to the president of the institution
6 [~~university~~] its recommendation for any change to the amount of the
7 fee and a complete and itemized budget for the student center
8 together with a complete report of all student center activities
9 conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in
10 connection with those activities. The president shall submit the
11 budget to the board of regents as part of the institution's
12 [~~university's~~] institutional budget. The board of regents may make
13 changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.

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

26 SECTION 24. Section [54.5251](#), Education Code, is amended to
27 read as follows:

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

6 (1) \$125 for each regular semester or each summer
7 session of more than six weeks; or

8 (2) \$62.50 for each summer session of six weeks or
9 less.

10 (b) The fee may be used only for financing, constructing,
11 operating, maintaining, or improving a fitness or recreational
12 facility or for operating a fitness or recreational program at the
13 institution [~~university~~].

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

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

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

27 (f) The fee is not considered in determining the maximum

1 amount of student services fees that may be charged under Section
2 54.503.

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

6 (1) the person's use will not materially interfere
7 with use of the facility by students of the institution
8 [~~university~~];

9 (2) the person is charged a fee in an amount that is
10 not less than the amount of the student fee or the total amount of
11 the direct and indirect costs to the institution [~~university~~] of
12 providing for the person's use, except that a charge under this
13 subdivision may not be imposed on a person who uses the facility
14 under an existing lifetime contract with the institution
15 [~~university~~] for the use of fitness and recreational facilities;
16 and

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

19 SECTION 25. Section 55.1718, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 55.1718. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The
22 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
23 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
24 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related
25 infrastructure for a component institution of the system [~~Texas~~
26 ~~Woman's University~~] to be financed by the issuance of bonds in
27 accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal amount

1 of \$5 million.

2 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
3 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
4 University System, including student tuition charges required or
5 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at a component
6 institution of the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~]. The amount of
7 a 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 SECTION 26. Section 55.1726, Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 55.1726. 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 not to exceed \$8.5 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 of
25 a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated
26 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to
27 refund those bonds, are outstanding.

1 SECTION 27. Section 55.1736, Education Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Sec. 55.1736. 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 issue
6 bonds in accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal
7 amount not to exceed \$25,797,500 to finance the renovation of
8 academic and administrative buildings at a component institution of
9 the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~].

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

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

20 SECTION 28. Section 55.1756, Education Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 Sec. 55.1756. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
23 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
24 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
25 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
26 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for
27 renovations and additions to the science building on the Denton

1 campus of Texas Woman's University, to be financed through the
2 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter in an
3 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,739,712.

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

10 SECTION 29. Section 55.1786, Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

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

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

26 SECTION 30. Section 61.003(3), Education Code, is amended
27 to read as follows:

1 (3) "General academic teaching institution" means The
2 University of Texas at Austin; The University of Texas at El Paso;
3 The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; The University of
4 Texas at Dallas; The University of Texas at San Antonio; Texas A&M
5 University, Main University; The University of Texas at Arlington;
6 Tarleton State University; Prairie View A&M University; Texas
7 Maritime Academy; Texas Tech University; University of North Texas;
8 Lamar University; Lamar State College--Orange; Lamar State
9 College--Port Arthur; Texas A&M University--Kingsville; Texas A&M
10 University--Corpus Christi; Texas Woman's University; Texas
11 Woman's University at Dallas; Texas Woman's University at Houston;
12 Texas Southern University; Midwestern State University; University
13 of Houston; University of Texas--Pan American; The University of
14 Texas at Brownsville; Texas A&M University--Commerce; Sam Houston
15 State University; Texas State University; West Texas A&M
16 University; Stephen F. Austin State University; Sul Ross State
17 University; Angelo State University; The University of Texas at
18 Tyler; and any other college, university, or institution so
19 classified as provided in this chapter or created and so
20 classified, expressly or impliedly, by law.

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

23 (a) In each state fiscal year beginning with the state
24 fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, an eligible institution is
25 entitled to receive an amount allocated in accordance with this
26 section from the funds appropriated for that year by Section 17(a),
27 Article VII, Texas Constitution. The comptroller shall distribute

1 funds allocated under this subsection only on presentation of a
2 claim and issuance of a warrant in accordance with Section 403.071,
3 Government Code. An eligible institution may not present a claim to
4 be paid from any funds allocated under this subsection before the
5 delivery of goods or services described in Section 17, Article VII,
6 Texas Constitution, except for the payment of principal or interest
7 on bonds or notes or for a payment for a book or other published
8 library material as authorized by Section 2155.386, Government
9 Code. The allocation of funds under this subsection is made in
10 accordance with an equitable formula consisting of the following
11 elements: space deficit, facilities condition, institutional
12 complexity, and a separate allocation for the Texas State Technical
13 College System. The annual amounts allocated by the formula are as
14 follows:

15 (1) \$4,933,200 to Midwestern State University;

16 (2) to the following component institutions of the
17 University of North Texas System:

18 (A) \$37,346,563 to the University of North Texas;

19 (B) \$15,125,502 to the University of North Texas
20 Health Science Center at Fort Worth; and

21 (C) \$3,354,441 to the University of North Texas
22 at Dallas;

23 (3) \$11,277,793 to Stephen F. Austin State University;

24 (4) to the following component institutions of the
25 Texas State University System:

26 (A) \$13,141,181 to Lamar University;

27 (B) \$2,553,130 to the Lamar Institute of

1 Technology;

2 (C) \$1,488,396 to Lamar State College--Orange;

3 (D) \$2,217,102 to Lamar State College--Port

4 Arthur;

5 (E) \$18,236,811 to Sam Houston State University;

6 (F) \$37,606,478 to Texas State University;

7 (G) \$2,151,723 to Sul Ross State University; and

8 (H) \$472,890 to Sul Ross State University-Rio

9 Grande College;

10 (5) \$11,719,335 to Texas Southern University;

11 (6) to the following component institutions of the

12 Texas Tech University System:

13 (A) \$49,874,746 to Texas Tech University;

14 (B) \$21,652,392 to Texas Tech University Health

15 Sciences Center;

16 (C) \$6,792,999 to Angelo State University; and

17 (D) \$5,557,572 to Texas Tech University Health

18 Sciences Center--El Paso;

19 (7) \$14,554,133 to the component institutions of the

20 Texas Woman's University System, allocated as determined by the

21 board of regents of the system;

22 (8) to the following component institutions of the

23 University of Houston System:

24 (A) \$54,514,004 to the University of Houston;

25 (B) \$3,542,817 to the University of

26 Houston--Victoria;

27 (C) \$7,726,043 to the University of

1 Houston--Clear Lake; and

2 (D) \$10,828,344 to the University of
3 Houston--Downtown;

4 (9) to the following component institutions of The
5 Texas A&M University System:

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

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

10 (C) \$8,858,060 to Texas A&M
11 University--Kingsville;

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

13 (E) \$11,123,859 to Texas A&M
14 University--Commerce; and

15 (F) \$2,050,273 to Texas A&M
16 University--Texarkana; and

17 (10) \$8,662,500 to the Texas State Technical College
18 System Administration and the following component campuses, but not
19 its extension centers or programs:

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

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

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

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

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

25 and

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

27 SECTION 32. Section 301.001(1), Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

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

- 5 (A) a municipality;
- 6 (B) a political subdivision of the state;
- 7 (C) a state-supported health-related
8 institution, including:

- 9 (i) The Texas A&M University System;
- 10 (ii) The University of Texas System; and
- 11 (iii) the Texas Woman's University System;
- 12 (D) a nonprofit health-related institution; or
- 13 (E) a cooperative association created under
14 Subchapter B, a unit of which is located in a county with a
15 population of more than 3.3 million.

16 SECTION 33. Section 301.031(1), Health and Safety Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

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

- 21 (A) a municipality;
- 22 (B) a political subdivision of the state;
- 23 (C) a health-related institution supported by
24 the state or federal government or by a federal department,
25 division, or agency, including:

- 26 (i) The Texas A&M University System;
- 27 (ii) The University of Texas System;

1 (iii) the Texas Woman's University System;

2 and

3 (iv) the Children's Nutrition Research
4 Center;

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (c) All funds that, on the effective date of the transition,
27 have been appropriated to or dedicated to or are held for the use

1 and benefit of Texas Woman's University are transferred to the
2 Texas Woman's University System for the use and benefit of the
3 system to the extent permitted by law.

4 (d) Fees previously approved and charged to students of
5 Texas Woman's University are considered approved and may continue
6 to be charged and used for the same purposes at each component
7 institution of the Texas Woman's University System in the same
8 amounts as charged in the 2020-2021 academic year, subject to
9 future changes approved as authorized by law.

10 (e) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections [55.1718](#),
11 [55.1726](#), [55.1736](#), [55.1756](#), and [55.1786](#), Education Code, do not
12 authorize bonds in an amount that exceeds the original amount of
13 bonds authorized by those sections.

14 (f) Degree programs previously offered at the branch
15 locations of Texas Woman's University that are designated as
16 independent component institutions of the Texas Woman's University
17 System under Chapter [107](#), Education Code, as amended by this Act,
18 are considered to have been approved as degree programs of the
19 respective component institutions.

20 (g) The board of regents of the Texas Woman's University
21 System may take any action necessary to transition Texas Woman's
22 University to the Texas Woman's University System under this Act,
23 including by:

24 (1) allocating university funds, property, and
25 personnel as the board determines appropriate between the system's
26 component institutions;

27 (2) continuing to operate the branch locations of

1 Texas Woman's University that are designated as independent
2 component institutions of the Texas Woman's University System under
3 Chapter 107, Education Code, as amended by this Act, as branch
4 locations of the university until the board determines that
5 transitioning those branch locations to independent component
6 institutions of the system is appropriate and feasible; and

7 (3) postponing the effect of any other changes made by
8 this Act as the board determines appropriate.

9 SECTION 35. This Act takes effect immediately if it
10 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
11 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
12 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
13 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.