

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a 147,000 square foot classroom building is scheduled to be completed in May 1997 and will complete phase 1 of the University of Houston-Downtown facilities expansion. This bill authorizes the University of Houston System to issue \$8.2 million in tuition revenue bonds on behalf of the University of Houston-Downtown to finance phase II of the campus master plan.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 592 authorizes the University of Houston System to issue \$8.2 million in tuition revenue bonds on behalf of the University of Houston-Downtown to finance phase II of the campus master plan.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 55B, Education Code, by adding Section 55.1719, as follows:

Sec. 55.719. THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM. Authorizes the board of regents of the University of Houston System (board) to take certain actions for the University of Houston-Downtown to be financed by the issuance of bonds in accordance with this chapter and with a system wide revenue financing program adopted by the board, in an amount not to exceed \$8.2 million. Authorizes the board to pledge certain items for the payment of the bonds. Prohibits the amount of a pledge from being reduced or abrogated. Authorizes the board to transfer funds among certain entities of the University of Houston-Downtown to ensure equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for those entities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.