

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the board of regents cannot issue revenue bonds for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for recovery from Tropical Storm Allison. H.B. 1941 authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for recovery from Tropical Storm Allison and exempts the property and projects financed by the bonds from prior approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, by adding Section 55.1742, as follows:

Sec. 55.1742. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL REVENUE BONDS. (a) Authorizes the board of regents of The University of Texas System (board), in addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related infrastructure for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for recovery from the damage caused by Tropical Storm Allison, to be financed by the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program and secured as provided by that program in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$34.9 million.

(b) Authorizes the board to pledge irrevocably to the payment of the bonds authorized by Subsection (a) all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas System, including student tuition charges. Prohibits the amount of a pledge under this subsection from being reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

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

SECTION 2. Amends Section 61.0572(e), Education Code, to make a conforming and a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 61.058(b), Education Code, to make a conforming and a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.