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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes the legislature's intent to provide 40 percent of the funding for a new football stadium on the University campus after the University has raised at least \$141 million from nonstate sources.

#### Section

- 1** **Legislative findings.** Findings relating to University football stadium. States that the purpose of this bill is to provide a firm 40 percent level of funding for a new University football stadium.
- 2** **Definitions.** Defines "commission," "commissioner," "stadium," and "Board."
- 3** **Recognition of powers.** Recognizes that the Board of Regents has all powers necessary or convenient to design, construct, equip and operate a new stadium.
- 4** **Conditions for payment to University.** Provides for an annual transfer to the University of \$7 million to cover debt service on bonds to be issued to pay the state's share of the cost of the stadium. These payments will not begin until at least \$141 million has been committed to the stadium project from nonstate sources. Bonds issued to pay the state's share of the cost may not exceed \$94 million.
- 5** **No full faith and credit.** Provides that any bonds issued by the University are not public debt of the state and that the full faith and credit of the state is not pledged for their payment.
- 6** **Construction materials sales tax exemption.** Provides an exemption from sales tax for stadium construction materials that expires one year after substantial completion of the stadium.
- 7** **Lease termination.** Permits termination of University's lease at the Metrodome on or after completion of the new stadium.

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**Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.