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S.B. No. 1439

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to strategic investment areas qualifying for the franchise
3 tax credit for certain research and development activities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 171.721(2), Tax Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (2) "Strategic investment area" means an area that is
8 determined by the comptroller under Section 171.726 that is:

9 (A) a county within this state with above state
10 average unemployment and below state average per capita income;

11 (B) an area within this state that is a federally
12 designated renewal community or urban enterprise community, or an
13 urban enhanced enterprise community; or

14 (C) a defense economic readjustment zone
15 designated under Chapter 2310, Government Code.

16 SECTION 2. For purposes of the comptroller's determination
17 of strategic investment areas under Section 171.726, Tax Code,
18 required by that section to be published not later than October 1,
19 2005, the comptroller shall include federally designated renewal
20 communities in this state.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.