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H.B. No. 1431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Sustainable Water Supply  
Research Center at The University of Texas at Arlington.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 68, Education Code, is amended by adding  
Subchapter B to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD

Sec. 68.21. SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY RESEARCH CENTER. (a)

In this section, "center" means the Sustainable Water Supply  
Research Center.

(b) The board may establish and operate the Sustainable  
Water Supply Research Center as part of The University of Texas at  
Arlington.

(c) If established, the center shall:

(1) conduct, sponsor, or direct multidisciplinary  
research directed toward:

(A) developing sustainable water supplies for  
this state; and

(B) mitigating the effect of diminishing water  
supplies on the economy and people of this state; and

(2) conduct a comprehensive, interdisciplinary  
instructional program in sustainable water development at the  
graduate level and offer undergraduate courses for students  
interested in sustainable water development.

1        (d) The organization, control, and management of the center  
2 are vested in the board.

3        (e) The center may enter into an agreement or may cooperate  
4 with a public or private entity to perform the research functions of  
5 the center.

6        (f) The board may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and  
7 grants from any public or private source for the use and benefit of  
8 the center.

9        SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.