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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 shall operate the Sustainable Water Supply Research Center as part of The University of Texas at Arlington.

(c) 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.

(d) The organization, control, and management of the center

1 are vested in the board.

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

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

8 SECTION 2. The board of regents of The University of Texas  
9 System shall establish the Sustainable Water Supply Research Center  
10 as provided by Section 68.21, Education Code, as added by this Act,  
11 not later than September 1, 2008.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.