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H.B. No. 2608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to funding for applied research for a clean coal project or
3 certain other projects for the generation of electricity from coal.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 143, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 143.0051 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 143.0051. APPLIED RESEARCH FOR CLEAN COAL PROJECT AND
8 OTHER PROJECTS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION. The coordinating board
9 shall use money available for the purpose from legislative
10 appropriations, including gifts, grants, and donations, to support
11 at one or more eligible institutions applied research related to:

12 (1) the development, construction, and operation in
13 this state of a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001,
14 Water Code; or

15 (2) electricity generation using lignite coal
16 deposits in this state or integrated gasification combined cycle
17 technology.

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