

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2608 was passed by the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2608 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor