

1-1 By: Hughes (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 2608
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to funding for applied research for a clean coal project or
1-9 certain other projects for the generation of electricity from coal.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 143, Education Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Section 143.0051 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 143.0051. APPLIED RESEARCH FOR CLEAN COAL PROJECT AND
1-14 OTHER PROJECTS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION. The coordinating board
1-15 shall use money available for the purpose from legislative
1-16 appropriations, including gifts, grants, and donations, to support
1-17 at one or more eligible institutions applied research related to:

1-18 (1) the development, construction, and operation in
1-19 this state of a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001,
1-20 Water Code; or

1-21 (2) electricity generation using lignite coal
1-22 deposits in this state or integrated gasification combined cycle
1-23 technology.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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