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S.B. No. 44

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the participation of undergraduate students in funding
3 awarded under the advanced research program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 142.002, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 142.002. PURPOSE. The advanced research program is
8 established to encourage and provide support for basic research
9 conducted by faculty members and students in astronomy, atmospheric
10 science, biological and behavioral sciences, chemistry, computer
11 sciences, earth sciences, engineering, information science,
12 mathematics, material sciences, oceanography, physics,
13 environmental issues affecting the Texas-Mexico border region, the
14 reduction of industrial, agricultural, and domestic water use,
15 social sciences, and related disciplines in eligible institutions.

16 SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 142.003, Education Code,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 (c) The guidelines and procedures developed by the
19 coordinating board must:

20 (1) provide for awards on a competitive, peer review
21 basis for specific projects at eligible institutions; and

22 (2) require that, as a condition of receiving an
23 award, an eligible institution must use a portion of the award to
24 support basic research conducted by undergraduate students in

1 connection with the project for which the award is made.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.