

AN ACT

relating to the participation of students in funding awarded under the advanced research program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.001, Education Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (3) and adding Subdivision (3-a) to read as follows:

(3) "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher education~~[, as defined by Section 61.003(8) of this code]~~.

(3-a) "Institution of higher education" and "medical and dental unit" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

SECTION 2. Section 142.002, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

SECTION 3. Subsection (c), Section 142.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (c) The guidelines and procedures developed by the
2 coordinating board must:

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

5 (2) require that, as a condition of receiving an
6 award, an eligible institution must use a portion of the award to
7 support, in connection with the project for which the award is made,
8 basic research conducted by:

9 (A) graduate or undergraduate students, if the
10 eligible institution is a medical and dental unit; or

11 (B) undergraduate students, if the eligible
12 institution is any other institution of higher education.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 44 passed the Senate on March 19, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 44 passed the House, with amendment, on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor