

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 44
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2008; February 10, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 March 9, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; March 9, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 44 By: Zaffirini

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the participation of undergraduate students in funding
1-11 awarded under the advanced research program.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 142.002, Education Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 142.002. PURPOSE. The advanced research program is
1-16 established to encourage and provide support for basic research
1-17 conducted by faculty members and students in astronomy, atmospheric
1-18 science, biological and behavioral sciences, chemistry, computer
1-19 sciences, earth sciences, engineering, information science,
1-20 mathematics, material sciences, oceanography, physics,
1-21 environmental issues affecting the Texas-Mexico border region, the
1-22 reduction of industrial, agricultural, and domestic water use,
1-23 social sciences, and related disciplines in eligible institutions.

1-24 SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 142.003, Education Code,
1-25 is amended to read as follows:

1-26 (c) The guidelines and procedures developed by the
1-27 coordinating board must:

1-28 (1) provide for awards on a competitive, peer review
1-29 basis for specific projects at eligible institutions; and

1-30 (2) require that, as a condition of receiving an
1-31 award, an eligible institution must use a portion of the award to
1-32 support basic research conducted by undergraduate students in
1-33 connection with the project for which the award is made.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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