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S.B. No. 2573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to annual reports by certain agencies conducting, funding, or supporting biomedical research.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle H, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 172 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 172. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Sec. 172.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "state agency" means a department, commission, board, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government created by the state constitution or a state statute, including an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

Sec. 172.002. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) Not later than December 1 of each year, a state agency that conducts, funds, or supports biomedical research shall submit to the governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the commissioner of state health services a report, in the format established by the commissioner, on whether the agency conducted, funded, or supported during the preceding state fiscal year any research that involves stem cells or human cloning.

(b) A state agency that conducts, funds, or supports any research that involves stem cells or human cloning must include in the report submitted under Subsection (a) information on:

(1) the type of research conducted, funded, or

1 supported by the state agency that involves:

2 (A) stem cells, including embryonic,
3 nonembryonic somatic, and induced pluripotent stem cells; and

4 (B) human cloning, including therapeutic and
5 reproductive cloning;

6 (2) the process through which the stem cells and stem
7 cell lines were derived, if applicable;

8 (3) the amount and source of state money used to
9 conduct, fund, or support the research;

10 (4) the use of state facilities to conduct or support
11 the research; and

12 (5) the progress and results of the research.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2009, a state agency
14 that conducts, funds, or supports biomedical research shall submit
15 the initial report required under Chapter 172, Health and Safety
16 Code, as added by this Act.

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