

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study regarding the reenactment of the franchise tax
3 credit or providing other incentives for certain research and
4 development activities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 171, Tax Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 171.215 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 171.215. STUDY OF INCENTIVES FOR RESEARCH AND
9 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. (a) The Legislative Budget Board shall
10 conduct a study of:

11 (1) the costs and benefits to the state of reenacting
12 the tax credit for research and development activities in effect
13 under Subchapter O before the repeal of that subchapter by Chapter 1
14 (H.B. 3), Acts of the 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2006;
15 and

16 (2) the types of research and development incentives
17 available in other states.

18 (b) The Legislative Budget Board may seek the assistance of
19 other state agencies in conducting the study, but the study must be
20 completed using existing resources available to the Legislative
21 Budget Board and any assisting agencies.

22 (c) The Legislative Budget Board shall report the results of
23 the study to the legislature not later than January 1, 2013.

24 (d) This section expires September 1, 2013.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2383 was passed by the House on May 13, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2383 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor