

1-1 By: Geren (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 2383
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2011;
1-3 May 16, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 May 19, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-5 Nays 0; May 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a study regarding the reenactment of the franchise tax
1-9 credit or providing other incentives for certain research and
1-10 development activities.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 171, Tax Code, is amended
1-13 by adding Section 171.215 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 171.215. STUDY OF INCENTIVES FOR RESEARCH AND
1-15 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. (a) The Legislative Budget Board shall
1-16 conduct a study of:

1-17 (1) the costs and benefits to the state of reenacting
1-18 the tax credit for research and development activities in effect
1-19 under Subchapter O before the repeal of that subchapter by Chapter 1
1-20 (H.B. 3), Acts of the 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2006;
1-21 and

1-22 (2) the types of research and development incentives
1-23 available in other states.

1-24 (b) The Legislative Budget Board may seek the assistance of
1-25 other state agencies in conducting the study, but the study must be
1-26 completed using existing resources available to the Legislative
1-27 Budget Board and any assisting agencies.

1-28 (c) The Legislative Budget Board shall report the results of
1-29 the study to the legislature not later than January 1, 2013.

1-30 (d) This section expires September 1, 2013.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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