

1-1 By: Branch (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2631  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2011;  
1-3 April 26, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
1-4 Education; May 5, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 5, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the advanced research program.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 142, Education Code, is  
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 CHAPTER 142. NORMAN HACKERMAN ADVANCED RESEARCH PROGRAM

1-13 SECTION 2. Section 142.001(4), Education Code, is amended  
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (4) "Program" means the Norman Hackerman advanced  
1-16 research program established under this chapter.

1-17 SECTION 3. Section 142.002, Education Code, is amended to  
1-18 read as follows:

1-19 Sec. 142.002. PURPOSE. The Norman Hackerman advanced  
1-20 research program is established to encourage and provide support  
1-21 for basic research conducted by faculty members and students in  
1-22 astronomy, atmospheric science, biological and behavioral  
1-23 sciences, chemistry, computer sciences, earth sciences,  
1-24 engineering, information science, mathematics, material sciences,  
1-25 oceanography, physics, environmental issues affecting the  
1-26 Texas-Mexico border region, the reduction of industrial,  
1-27 agricultural, and domestic water use, social sciences, and related  
1-28 disciplines in eligible institutions.

1-29 SECTION 4. Section 142.004(a), Education Code, is amended  
1-30 to read as follows:

1-31 (a) The program is funded by appropriations and by gifts,  
1-32 grants, and donations made for purposes of the program [~~that~~  
1-33 ~~purpose~~]. [~~The total funds appropriated to the program may be at~~  
1-34 ~~least equal to 10 percent of the average amount of the federally~~  
1-35 ~~sponsored research funds allocated to all institutions of higher~~  
1-36 ~~education annually during the preceding three years.~~]

1-37 SECTION 5. Section 142.004(b), Education Code, is repealed.

1-38 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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