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S.B. No. 228

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting requirements for institutions of higher education conducting human stem cell research.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 61.051, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The board shall make continuing studies of the needs of the state for research and designate the institutions of higher education to perform research as needed. The board shall also maintain an inventory of all institutional and programmatic research activities being conducted by the various institutions, whether state-financed or not. Once a year, on dates prescribed by the board, each institution of higher education shall report to the board all research conducted at that institution during the last preceding year. Each institution's report must include the amounts spent by the institution on human embryonic stem cell research and adult stem cell research during the year covered by the report and the source of the funding for that research. All reports required by this subsection shall be made subject to the limitations imposed by security regulations governing defense contracts for research. Not later than January 1 of each year, the board shall submit to the legislature information regarding human stem cell research obtained by the board from reports required by this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.