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(Branch)

S.B. No. 67

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to reporting requirements for institutions of higher  
3 education conducting human stem cell research.

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

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

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

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.