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S.B. No. 667

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring certain researchers to make research papers available to the public.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 441.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 441.021. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON COLLECTING PUBLISHED RESEARCH. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) This section applies only to a researcher whose research is funded wholly or partly with:

(1) state money; or

(2) federal money, if the research is conducted in this state or by an institution of higher education.

(c) The commission, in consultation with institutions of higher education, shall study the feasibility of requiring each researcher to submit to a state agency an electronic copy of each original research paper by the researcher that is accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The study must examine:

(1) the time requirements for submitting a research paper;

(2) the manner for making the research paper available to the public, including posting on an Internet website; and

(3) the state agencies that have the resources

1 necessary to collect research papers and coordinate the
2 dissemination of the research papers.

3 (d) Not later than December 1, 2014, the commission shall
4 report the results of the study, its findings, and any
5 recommendations to the legislature.

6 (e) This section expires September 1, 2015.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.