

Amend CSSB 20 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and by renumbering the other SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.954 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.954. DISCLOSURE OF SPONSORS OF CONTRACTED RESEARCH IN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS. (a) In any public communication the content of which is based on the results of sponsored research, a faculty member or other employee or appointee of an institution of higher education who conducted or participated in conducting the research shall conspicuously disclose the identity of each sponsor of the research.

(b) In this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "Public communication" means oral or written communication intended for public consumption or distribution, including:

(A) testimony in a public administrative, legislative, regulatory, or judicial proceeding;

(B) printed matter including a magazine, journal, newsletter, newspaper, pamphlet, or report; or

(C) posting of information on a website or similar Internet host for information.

(3) "Sponsor" means an entity that contracts for or provides money or materials for research.

(4) "Sponsored research" means research:

(A) that is conducted under a contract with, or that is conducted under a grant awarded by and pursuant to a written agreement with, an individual or entity other than the institution conducting the research; and

(B) in which payments received or the value of materials received under that contract or grant, or under a combination of more than one such contract or grant, constitutes at least 50 percent of the cost of conducting the research.