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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research
Institute of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 102.251, Health and Safety Code, is
amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to
read as follows:

(a) The oversight committee shall issue rules regarding the
procedure for awarding grants to an applicant under this chapter.
The rules must include the following procedures:

(1) a research and prevention programs committee shall
score grant applications and make recommendations to the program
integration committee, established under Section 102.264, and the
oversight committee regarding the award of cancer research and
prevention grants, including a prioritized list that:

(A) ranks the grant applications in the order the
committee determines applications should be funded; and

(B) includes information explaining how each
grant application on the list meets the research and prevention
programs committee's standards for recommendation;

(2) the program integration committee shall submit to
the oversight committee a list of grant applications the program
integration committee by majority vote approved for recommendation
that:

1 (A) includes documentation on the factors the
2 program integration committee considered in making the grant
3 recommendations;

4 (B) is substantially based on the list submitted
5 by the research and prevention programs committee under Subdivision
6 (1); and

7 (C) to the extent possible, gives priority to
8 proposals that:

9 (i) could lead to immediate or long-term
10 medical and scientific breakthroughs in the area of cancer
11 prevention or cures for cancer;

12 (ii) strengthen and enhance fundamental
13 science in cancer research;

14 (iii) ensure a comprehensive coordinated
15 approach to cancer research;

16 (iv) are interdisciplinary or
17 interinstitutional;

18 (v) address federal or other major research
19 sponsors' priorities in emerging scientific or technology fields in
20 the area of cancer prevention or cures for cancer;

21 (vi) are matched with funds available by a
22 private or nonprofit entity and institution or institutions of
23 higher education;

24 (vii) are collaborative between any
25 combination of private and nonprofit entities, public or private
26 agencies or institutions in this state, and public or private
27 institutions outside this state;

1 (viii) have a demonstrable economic
2 development benefit to this state;

3 (ix) enhance research superiority at
4 institutions of higher education in this state by creating new
5 research superiority, attracting existing research superiority
6 from institutions not located in this state and other research
7 entities, or enhancing existing research superiority by attracting
8 from outside this state additional researchers and resources;

9 (x) ~~[expedite innovation and product~~
10 ~~development, attract, create, or expand private sector entities~~
11 ~~that will drive a substantial increase in high-quality jobs, and]~~
12 increase higher education applied science or technology research
13 capabilities; and

14 (xi) address the goals of the Texas Cancer
15 Plan; and

16 (3) the institute's chief compliance officer shall
17 compare each grant application submitted to the institute to a list
18 of donors from any nonprofit organization established to provide
19 support to the institute compiled from information made available
20 under Section 102.262(c) before the application is submitted to a
21 research and prevention programs committee for review and again
22 before any grant is awarded to the applicant.

23 (f) The institute may not award a grant for the purpose of
24 expediting innovation and product development of a private sector
25 entity, or to attract, create, or expand a private sector entity.

26 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
27 date of this Act, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of

1 Texas Oversight Committee shall adopt the rules necessary to
2 implement the changes in law made by this Act.

3 (b) The changes in law made by this Act apply to a grant
4 awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas on
5 or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the
6 grant application was submitted before, on, or after the effective
7 date of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.