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S.B. No. 44

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to matching private grants given to enhance additional research activities at institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 62.123(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) An eligible institution that receives gifts or endowments from private sources in a state fiscal year for the purpose of enhancing research activities at the institution, including a gift or endowment for endowed chairs, professorships, facilities, equipment, program costs, ~~or~~ graduate stipends or fellowships, or undergraduate research, is entitled to receive, out of funds appropriated for the purposes of the program for that fiscal year, a matching grant in an amount determined according to the following rates:

(1) 50 percent of the amount of the gifts and endowments, if the total amount of gifts and endowments is \$100,000 or more but not more than \$999,999;

(2) 75 percent of the amount of the gifts and endowments, if the total amount of gifts and endowments is \$1 million or more but not more than \$1,999,999; or

(3) 100 percent of the amount of the gifts and endowments, if the total amount of gifts and endowments is \$2 million or more.

1           (b) An eligible institution is not entitled to matching  
2 funds under the program for:

3                   (1) a gift that has been pledged but has not been  
4 received by the institution;

5                   (2) a gift for undergraduate scholarships or  
6 undergraduate financial aid grants; or

7                   (3) any portion of gifts or endowments received by the  
8 institution from a single source in a state fiscal year in excess of  
9 \$10 million.

10           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.