

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1525  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; March 24, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 6, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 6, 2021,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Birdwell	X			
1-11 Blanco	X			
1-12 Miles	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Springer	X			
1-15 Taylor	X			
1-16 Zaffirini	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1525 By: Taylor

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the administration of the governor's university  
 1-22 research initiative.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 62.161(1), Education Code, as added by  
 1-25 Chapters 323 (S.B. 632) and 915 (H.B. 26), Acts of the 84th  
 1-26 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1-27 (1) "Distinguished researcher" means:

1-28 (A) an individual [a] researcher who [is]:

1-29 (i) is [-(A)] a Nobel laureate; [or]

1-30 (ii) is [-(B)] a member of the National  
 1-31 Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, or the  
 1-32 National Academy of Medicine, formerly known as the Institute of  
 1-33 Medicine; or

1-34 (iii) has attained a highly prestigious  
 1-35 national academic recognition, as defined by office rule; or

1-36 (B) a group of researchers who have attained the  
 1-37 recognition described by Paragraph (A)(iii), as defined by office  
 1-38 rule.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 62.162(b), Education Code, as added by  
 1-40 Chapters 323 (S.B. 632) and 915 (H.B. 26), Acts of the 84th  
 1-41 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1-42 (b) The office in consultation with the commissioner of  
 1-43 higher education may adopt any rules the office considers necessary  
 1-44 to administer this subchapter. The commissioner shall recommend to  
 1-45 the office the types of national academic recognitions that are  
 1-46 considered to be highly prestigious for purposes of determining  
 1-47 which individuals or groups qualify as a "distinguished researcher"  
 1-48 under Section 62.161.

1-49 SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 62, Education Code, as  
 1-50 added by Chapters 323 (S.B. 632) and 915 (H.B. 26), Acts of the 84th  
 1-51 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended by adding Section  
 1-52 62.169 to read as follows:

1-53 Sec. 62.169. ADVISORY BOARD. (a) The governor's  
 1-54 university research initiative advisory board is established to  
 1-55 assist the office with the review and evaluation of applications  
 1-56 for funding of grant proposals under this subchapter. The advisory  
 1-57 board shall make recommendations to the office for approval or  
 1-58 disapproval of those applications.

1-59 (b) The advisory board must be composed of at least nine  
 1-60 members appointed by the governor. Of the members of the board:

