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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the university advisory committee of and procedure for  
3 making awards by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of  
4 Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 102.154(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas  
9 University Advisory Committee is composed of the following members:

10 (1) two members appointed by the chancellor of The  
11 University of Texas System to represent:

12 (A) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
13 Center;

14 (B) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
15 Galveston;

16 (C) The University of Texas Health Science Center  
17 at Houston;

18 (D) The University of Texas Health Science Center  
19 at San Antonio;

20 (E) The University of Texas Health Center at  
21 Tyler; [~~or~~]

22 (F) The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
23 School of Medicine; or

24 (G) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer

1 Center;

2 (2) one member appointed by the chancellor of The  
3 Texas A&M University System to represent:

4 (A) The Texas A&M University System Health  
5 Science Center; or

6 (B) the teaching hospital for The Texas A&M  
7 Health Science Center College of Medicine;

8 (3) one member appointed by the chancellor of the  
9 Texas Tech University System to represent the Texas Tech University  
10 Health Sciences Center;

11 (4) one member appointed by the chancellor of the  
12 University of Houston System to represent the system;

13 (5) one member appointed by the chancellor of the  
14 Texas State University System to represent the system;

15 (6) one member appointed by the chancellor of the  
16 University of North Texas System to represent the system;

17 (7) one member appointed by the president of Baylor  
18 College of Medicine;

19 (8) one member appointed by the president of Rice  
20 University;

21 (9) members appointed at the executive director's  
22 discretion by the chancellors of other institutions.

23 SECTION 2. Section [102.251](#), Health and Safety Code, is  
24 amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

25 (f) The oversight committee may request a list of all grant  
26 applications submitted to the institute under this chapter,  
27 regardless of whether the grant applications were included on the

1 list submitted to the committee under Subsection (a)(2).

2 (g) The institute shall allocate grant money awarded under  
3 Subchapter E in a fiscal year to projects located in counties that:

4 (1) have been designated under state or federal law as  
5 a medically underserved area;

6 (2) contain a health-related institution of higher  
7 education whose expenditures for research and development in the  
8 previous year was not in the top three among health-related  
9 institutions; and

10 (3) contain a hospital.

11 (h) Grant money awarded under subsection (g) for cancer  
12 prevention and research purposes may only be used for cancer  
13 prevention programming and operations.

14 SECTION 3. Section 102.252, Health and Safety Code, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 102.252. FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) Two-thirds of  
17 the members of the oversight committee present and voting must vote  
18 to approve each funding recommendation of the program integration  
19 committee. If the oversight committee does not approve a funding  
20 recommendation of the program integration committee, a statement  
21 explaining the reasons a funding recommendation was not followed  
22 must be included in the minutes of the meeting.

23 (b) The oversight committee may vote on a grant application  
24 included on a list requested by the oversight committee under  
25 Section 102.251(f). Two-thirds of the members of the oversight  
26 committee present and voting must vote to approve each grant  
27 application. If the oversight committee does not approve a grant

1 application, a statement explaining the reasons grant money will  
2 not be awarded to the applicant must be included in the minutes of  
3 the meeting.

4 SECTION 4. Section 102.255, Health and Safety Code, is  
5 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

6 (b-1) If the institute recovers money under Subsection  
7 (b)(2) or (3), the institute may award that money during the same  
8 grant cycle in accordance with this chapter to a project that the  
9 institute determines is able to be imminently commenced.

10 SECTION 5. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
11 date of this Act, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of  
12 Texas Oversight Committee shall adopt the rules necessary to  
13 implement the changes in law made by this Act.

14 (b) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a grant  
15 application submitted to the Cancer Prevention and Research  
16 Institute of Texas on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
17 grant application submitted before the effective date of this Act  
18 is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was  
19 submitted, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.