

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1032
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Committee Report (Substituted)

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 1032 amends the Education Code to expand the definition of an "eligible institution" under the Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI). S.B. 1032 adds "private or independent institution of higher education" to the existing definition, thereby broadening the scope of institutions that can participate.

Additionally, S.B. 1032 modifies the provisions regarding the use of matching grants by eligible institutions. Specifically, it prohibits these institutions from using matching grants to recruit distinguished researchers from another eligible institutions, such as a state school that is also participating in GURI.

The changes will apply only to agreements entered into after the effective date of the Act, which will take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote from both houses, or on September 1, 2025, if not.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 1032 amends current law relating to eligibility of postsecondary educational institutions to participate in the governor's university research initiative.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 62.003(1), Education Code, to create an exception under Subchapter H (Governor's University Research Initiative) and redefine "eligible institution."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 62.161(2), Education Code, to redefine "eligible institution" to include a private or independent institution of higher education.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 62.163(d), Education Code, to delete existing text prohibiting a matching grant from being used by an eligible institution to recruit a distinguished researcher from a private or independent institution of higher education.

SECTION 4. Provides that Sections 62.161(2) and 62.163(d), Education Code, apply beginning with the grants awarded for the 2025–2026 academic year.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2025.