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H.B. No. 4277

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to scholarly research and grant applications at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.3525(d), Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d)(2), adding Subsection (d)(3), and renumbering subsequent sections to read as follows:

(d) Subsection (b)(1) may not be construed to apply to:

(1) academic course instruction;

(2) scholarly research, including research funded or to be funded wholly or partly by government or private grants, or a creative work by an institution of higher education's students, faculty, postdoctoral fellows, or other research personnel or the dissemination of that research or work;

(3) information or guidance by faculty or staff on career opportunities and grant applications;

~~(34)~~ an activity of a student organization registered with or recognized by an institution of higher education;

(45) guest speakers or performers on short-term engagements;

(56) a policy, practice, procedure, program, or activity to enhance student academic achievement or postgraduate outcomes that is designed and implemented without regard to race, sex, color, or ethnicity;

1 (~~6~~7) data collection; or

2 (~~7~~8) student recruitment or admissions.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.