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S.B. No. 1032

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of postsecondary educational institutions to participate in the governor's university research initiative.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62.003(1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided by Subchapters C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, "eligible institution" means the eligible agencies and institutions of higher education listed in ~~[Article VII,]~~ Section 17(b), Article VII, Texas ~~[of the]~~ Constitution ~~[of Texas]~~, and any institution or agency of higher education that is later made eligible to participate in the disbursement of funds pursuant to ~~[Article VII,]~~ Section 17(c) of that article ~~[, of the Constitution of Texas]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 62.161(2), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Eligible institution" means:  
(A) a general academic teaching institution;  
(B) a ~~or~~ medical and dental unit; or  
(C) a private or independent institution of higher education.

SECTION 3. Section 62.163(d), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           (d) A matching grant may not be used by an eligible  
2 institution to recruit a distinguished researcher from[+  
3           ~~[(1)]~~ another eligible institution[~~+, or~~  
4           ~~[(2)] a private or independent institution of higher~~  
5 ~~education~~].

6           SECTION 4. Sections [62.161](#)(2) and [62.163](#)(d), Education  
7 Code, as amended by this Act, apply beginning with grants awarded  
8 for the 2025-2026 academic year.

9           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.