

1-1 By: Hughes, Springer S.B. No. 1565
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 24, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute from Committee on Education by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 24, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1565 By: Springer

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to requiring the establishment of policy frameworks for
 1-26 research security at public institutions of higher education.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-29 amended by adding Section 51.956 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 51.956. POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR RESEARCH SECURITY. (a)
 1-31 In this section, "governing board," "institution of higher
 1-32 education," and "university system" have the meanings assigned by
 1-33 Section 61.003.

1-34 (b) The governing board of each institution of higher
 1-35 education shall establish a policy framework that promotes secure
 1-36 academic research at the institution while mitigating the risk of
 1-37 foreign espionage and interference. The governing board of a
 1-38 university system must establish a separate policy framework for
 1-39 each institution of higher education under the governing board's
 1-40 management and control.

1-41 (c) The policy framework must address:

1-42 (1) achieving the highest level of compliance with
 1-43 applicable ethical, legal, regulatory, contractual, and system
 1-44 standards and requirements for securing and protecting the
 1-45 institution's research portfolios;

1-46 (2) promoting within the institution an
 1-47 organizational culture of compliance with federal requirements to
 1-48 ensure the institution maintains eligibility for federal funding;
 1-49 and

1-50 (3) designating a person to serve as a research
 1-51 security officer responsible for maintaining classified
 1-52 information, maintaining controlled unclassified information,
 1-53 conducting foreign influence reporting, and addressing other
 1-54 issues at the institution associated with the goals of the policy
 1-55 framework.

1-56 (d) For purposes of designating a person to serve as a
 1-57 research security officer under Subsection (c)(3), the governing
 1-58 board of a university system may designate a person to serve in an
 1-59 institutional or system-wide capacity.

1-60 (e) A person designated to serve as a research security

2-1 officer under Subsection (c)(3) shall attend the annual academic
2-2 security and counter exploitation program seminar offered by Texas
2-3 A&M University.

2-4 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-5 of this Act, the governing board of each public institution of
2-6 higher education shall establish the policy framework for research
2-7 security required under Section 51.956, Education Code, as added by
2-8 this Act.

2-9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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