

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2365
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The 76th Legislature provided the funds required to obtain matching federal funds for research and extension programs at Prairie View A&M University (university) for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. However, there is no plan in place for the appropriation of such funds beyond fiscal year 2001. Without matching funds from the state, federal research and extension appropriations are subject to substantial reductions, in which case these programs may be at risk. H.B. 2365 requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to include in the funding formulas applicable to the university funds for agricultural research and extension activities.

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 Chapter 61C, Education Code, by adding Section 61.0596, as follows:

Sec. 61.0596. STATE FUNDING TO MATCH FEDERAL FORMULA FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION OR OTHER NONSTATE FUNDS.
Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to include certain amounts in the formulas established under Section 61.059 applicable to Prairie View A&M University.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.