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Frullo Passes Tier-One Funding Bill Out of House, Paves Way for Tech to Receive Research Dollars

AUSTIN- House Bill 1000 was passed Thursday in the Texas House of Representatives. The bill by Rep. Dan Branch (D-Dallas), joint-authored by Rep. John Frullo (R-Lubbock), implements an allocation method for distributing monies from the National Research University Fund to the emerging research universities once they begin to qualify for this funding.

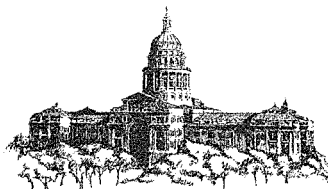
H.B. 1000 is the second step in establishing the National Research University Fund, created in 2009 to help emerging research institutions join the ranks of the state's two public tier-one research universities.

"Now that schools like Texas Tech University are getting closer to meeting the eligibility requirements to benefit from this fund, a mechanism for the distribution of those funds must be in place," said Frullo. "This bill creates a stable funding source for those that have reached the benchmarks and will help in the efforts to become a tier-one research university."

The bill divides the funds equally among the qualifying institutions while making sure the fund is sustainable for future recipients. The distribution method rewards the attainment of the benchmarks while being conservative enough to allow the fund to grow.

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