

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life

ITEM: Update on the University's Compliance with House Bill 127 Concerning Research Security Programs

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

House Bill (HB) 127, passed during the 89th Legislative Session (2025) and codified under Texas Education Code 51.957 and the newly established Texas Education Code 51B , mandates that Texas public institutions of higher education establish comprehensive research security programs to safeguard intellectual property and ensure compliance with evolving state and federal security standards.

Dr. Michelle John, in her capacity as the institution's Research Security Officer, will brief the Board on HB 127's requirements and periodic updates on the University's research security compliance activities.

Under the law, the President and Chairman must sign the Higher Education Research and Protection Law Certification of Compliance acknowledgment form prior to the September 1, 2026, deadline set forth by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: House Bill 127 Board Action Plan Presentation | BOA0001742

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this action item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law, or regulation.



GENERAL COUNSEL

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Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note shown above details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this proposal will achieve.



J'Maine Chubb (Jul 14, 2026 18:42:51 CDT)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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James Crawford (Jul 14, 2026 20:56:55 CDT)

PRESIDENT

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