

**Bill History**  
**Session Year 2026**  
**Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 428**

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**Introducer(s):**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING RESEARCH FUNDING AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

**Statement of Purpose:** To establish the Academic Research Funding Commission to distribute research funds to faculty at institutions of higher education in the state.

**Bill History:**

03-05-2026 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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03-19-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, SENATE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

03-19-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

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