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S.B. No. 479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the inclusion in the definition of a medical and dental  
3 unit of the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin  
4 and the School of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande  
5 Valley and the participation of those schools in the Joint  
6 Admission Medical Program.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

8 SECTION 1. Section [51.821\(4\)](#), Education Code, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (4) "Participating medical school" means each of the  
11 following entities:

12 (A) the medical school at The University of Texas  
13 Health Science Center at Houston;

14 (B) the medical school at The University of Texas  
15 Southwestern Medical Center;

16 (C) the medical school at The University of Texas  
17 Health Science Center at San Antonio;

18 (D) the medical school at The University of Texas  
19 Medical Branch at Galveston;

20 (E) the medical school at the Texas Tech  
21 University Health Sciences Center at Lubbock;

22 (F) the medical school at the Texas Tech  
23 University Health Sciences Center at El Paso;

24 (G) the Baylor College of Medicine;

1 (H) the college of osteopathic medicine at the  
2 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth;  
3 ~~[and]~~

4 (I) the medical school at The Texas A&M  
5 University System Health Science Center;

6 (J) the medical school at The University of Texas  
7 at Austin; and

8 (K) the medical school at The University of Texas  
9 Rio Grande Valley.

10 SECTION 2. Section 61.003(5), Education Code, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (5) "Medical and dental unit" means The Texas A&M  
13 University System Health Science Center and its component  
14 institutions, agencies, and programs; the Texas Tech University  
15 Health Sciences Center; the Texas Tech University Health Sciences  
16 Center at El Paso; The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
17 Galveston; The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; The  
18 University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio; The University  
19 of Texas Dental Branch at Houston; The University of Texas M. D.  
20 Anderson Cancer Center; The University of Texas Graduate School of  
21 Biomedical Sciences at Houston; The University of Texas Dental  
22 School at San Antonio; The University of Texas Medical School at  
23 Houston; the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at  
24 Austin; the School of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande  
25 Valley [~~The University of Texas Health Science Center--South Texas~~  
26 ~~and its component institutions, if established under Subchapter N,~~  
27 ~~Chapter 74~~]; the nursing institutions of The Texas A&M University

1 System and The University of Texas System; and The University of  
2 Texas School of Public Health at Houston; and such other medical or  
3 dental schools as may be established by statute or as provided in  
4 this chapter.

5 SECTION 3. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
6 date of this Act, the medical schools at The University of Texas at  
7 Austin and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley each shall:

8 (1) enter into the agreement with the Joint Admission  
9 Medical Program Council required by Section 51.829, Education Code;  
10 and

11 (2) select an appropriate faculty member to represent  
12 the respective medical school on the council.

13 (b) The medical schools at The University of Texas at Austin  
14 and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley each shall provide  
15 internships and mentoring under the Joint Admission Medical Program  
16 as appropriate beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, but are  
17 not required before the 2022-2023 academic year to admit  
18 participating students to the medical schools under the program.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.