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H.B. No. 1457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 Relating to the consolidation of certain graduate programs of The  
3 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and The  
4 University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 3, Subsection 73.102 Education  
7 Code, is amended by adding subsection (3) to read as follows:

8 Sec. 73.102. PURPOSE; DEGREE PROGRAMS. (a) The  
9 institution and its substations shall be devoted to the diagnosis,  
10 teaching, study, prevention, and treatment of neoplastic and allied  
11 diseases.

12 (b) If the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
13 determines that the role and mission of the institution should be  
14 changed to include degree-granting authority, the board of regents  
15 may:

16 (1) prescribe courses and conduct allied health  
17 professional degree programs related to the purposes of the  
18 institution described by Subsection (a); ~~and~~

19 (2) jointly prescribe courses and jointly conduct  
20 graduate programs at the master's and doctoral levels related to  
21 those purposes with The University of Texas Health Science Center  
22 at Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; and

23 (3) jointly prescribe courses and jointly conduct  
24 graduate programs with The University of Texas Health Science

1 Center at Houston, including educational programs at the master's  
2 and doctoral levels related to the broad fields encompassed in  
3 population and public health.

4 (c) The degree programs to be offered under Subsection (b)  
5 are subject to approval by the coordinating board.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.