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S.B. No. 284

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study of out-of-state physicians who practiced in
3 this state during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "board" means the Texas
6 Medical Board.

7 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The board shall conduct a study
8 regarding out-of-state physicians who practiced medicine in this
9 state during the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to board rules
10 providing for the waiver of licensing requirements during disasters
11 and emergencies.

12 (b) In conducting the study, the board shall solicit and
13 consider information from hospitals and sponsoring physicians in
14 this state, as applicable, regarding the performance of a physician
15 described by Subsection (a) of this section.

16 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the
17 board shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
18 speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing
19 committee of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over the
20 board, a written report that includes a summary of the study and any
21 legislative recommendations based on the study.

22 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

23 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
24 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members

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1 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
2 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
3 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.