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1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to innovation grant programs to support residency training
 1-22 programs in psychiatric specialty fields and recruitment,
 1-23 training, and retention programs in behavioral health fields.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 58A, Education Code, is amended by
 1-26 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER D. PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALTY INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

1-28 Sec. 58A.071. PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALTY INNOVATION GRANT
 1-29 PROGRAM. Subject to available funds, the board shall establish an
 1-30 innovation grant program under which the board awards incentive
 1-31 payments to medical schools that administer innovative residency
 1-32 training programs designed to increase the number of physicians in
 1-33 this state who specialize in pediatric or adult psychiatric care.

1-34 Sec. 58A.072. FEDERAL FUNDS AND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
 1-35 DONATIONS. In addition to other money appropriated by the
 1-36 legislature, for the purpose of promoting pediatric or adult
 1-37 psychiatric care under the program established under this
 1-38 subchapter the board may:

1-39 (1) seek and apply for any available federal funds;
 1-40 and

1-41 (2) solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations
 1-42 from any other source, public or private, as necessary to ensure
 1-43 effective implementation of the program.

1-44 Sec. 58A.073. RULES. In consultation with each medical
 1-45 school in this state, the board shall adopt rules for the
 1-46 administration of the program established under this
 1-47 subchapter. The rules must include:

1-48 (1) administrative provisions relating to the
 1-49 awarding of grants under this subchapter, such as:

1-50 (A) eligibility criteria for medical schools,
 1-51 including a requirement that the medical school demonstrate
 1-52 regional and state workforce need;

1-53 (B) grant application procedures;

1-54 (C) guidelines relating to grant amounts;

1-55 (D) procedures for evaluating grant
 1-56 applications; and

1-57 (E) procedures for monitoring the use of grants;
 1-58 and

1-59 (2) methods for tracking the effectiveness of grants

1-60 that:

1-61 (A) using data reasonably available to the board,

2-1 consider relevant information regarding the career paths of medical
 2-2 school graduates during the four-year period following their
 2-3 graduation; and
 2-4 (B) evaluate whether and for how long those
 2-5 graduates practice in a psychiatric specialty field in this state.
 2-6 Sec. 58A.074. AWARD OF GRANTS. (a) In awarding grants
 2-7 under the program, the board shall award:
 2-8 (1) 60 percent of the amount available in each program
 2-9 year to medical schools with innovative residency programs that
 2-10 train physicians to specialize in pediatric psychiatric care; and
 2-11 (2) 40 percent of the amount available in each program
 2-12 year to medical schools with innovative residency programs that
 2-13 train physicians to specialize in adult psychiatric care.
 2-14 (b) Within each category of grants prescribed by Subsection
 2-15 (a), the board shall give priority to grants to medical schools with
 2-16 innovative residency programs based in rural or underserved areas.
 2-17 Sec. 58A.075. GRANT AMOUNT. The amount of a grant awarded
 2-18 under this subchapter may not exceed \$1 million.
 2-19 Sec. 58A.076. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. A medical school
 2-20 that receives a grant awarded under this subchapter shall submit to
 2-21 the board an annual report on the amounts and purposes for which
 2-22 grant funds were spent during the year covered by the report.
 2-23 Sec. 58A.077. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. A reasonable amount,
 2-24 not to exceed five percent, of any general revenue appropriated for
 2-25 purposes of this subchapter may be used by the board to pay the
 2-26 costs of administering this subchapter.
 2-27 SECTION 2. Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding
 2-28 Subchapter RR to read as follows:
 2-29 SUBCHAPTER RR. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM
 2-30 Sec. 61.9991. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM.
 2-31 Subject to available funds, the board shall establish an innovation
 2-32 grant program under which the board awards incentive payments to
 2-33 institutions of higher education that administer innovative
 2-34 recruitment, training, and retention programs designed to increase
 2-35 the number of mental health professionals, as defined by Section
 2-36 61.601, or professionals in related fields, as determined by the
 2-37 board, including by providing a salary increase or stipend to a
 2-38 faculty member who provides instruction to additional students in a
 2-39 degree or certificate program that graduates those professionals.
 2-40 Sec. 61.9992. FEDERAL FUNDS AND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
 2-41 DONATIONS. In addition to other money appropriated by the
 2-42 legislature, for the purpose of increasing the behavioral health
 2-43 workforce in this state under the program established under this
 2-44 subchapter the board may:
 2-45 (1) seek and apply for any available federal funds;
 2-46 and
 2-47 (2) solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations
 2-48 from any other source, public or private, as necessary to ensure
 2-49 effective implementation of the program.
 2-50 Sec. 61.9993. RULES. (a) The board shall adopt rules for
 2-51 the administration of the program established under this
 2-52 subchapter. In adopting the rules, the board shall solicit from the
 2-53 Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council information necessary to
 2-54 identify programs anticipated to produce the best outcomes and
 2-55 serve the greatest need.
 2-56 (b) The rules must include:
 2-57 (1) administrative provisions relating to the
 2-58 awarding of grants under this subchapter, such as:
 2-59 (A) eligibility criteria for institutions of
 2-60 higher education, including a requirement that the institution
 2-61 demonstrate regional and state workforce need;
 2-62 (B) grant application procedures;
 2-63 (C) guidelines relating to grant amounts;
 2-64 (D) procedures for evaluating grant
 2-65 applications; and
 2-66 (E) procedures for monitoring the use of grants;
 2-67 and
 2-68 (2) methods for tracking the effectiveness of grants
 2-69 that:

3-1 (A) using data reasonably available to the board,
3-2 consider relevant information regarding the career paths of
3-3 professionals described by Section 61.9991 during the four-year
3-4 period following their graduation; and

3-5 (B) evaluate whether and for how long those
3-6 professionals practice in a field described by Section 61.9991 in
3-7 this state.

3-8 Sec. 61.9994. AWARD OF GRANTS. In awarding grants under the
3-9 program, the board shall give priority to applicants that propose
3-10 to:

3-11 (1) enhance or leverage existing degree programs that
3-12 graduate professionals described by Section 61.9991;

3-13 (2) establish or maintain a program that serves a
3-14 rural or underserved area;

3-15 (3) partner with:

3-16 (A) another institution of higher education to
3-17 develop a joint program; or

3-18 (B) a public school to implement early
3-19 recruitment in high school;

3-20 (4) establish or maintain a program that incentivizes
3-21 professionals described by Section 61.9991 to serve in their field
3-22 or a related field of study for at least three consecutive years
3-23 following graduation in an inpatient or outpatient behavioral
3-24 health facility or program that receives state funding;

3-25 (5) establish or maintain a degree or certificate
3-26 program to educate professionals in specialties that face
3-27 significant workforce shortages, including those described by
3-28 Section 61.601; or

3-29 (6) establish or maintain psychiatric fellowship
3-30 programs that serve correctional facilities or inpatient
3-31 psychiatric facilities.

3-32 Sec. 61.9995. GRANT AMOUNT. The amount of a grant awarded
3-33 under this subchapter may not exceed \$1 million.

3-34 Sec. 61.9996. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. An institution of
3-35 higher education that receives a grant awarded under this
3-36 subchapter shall submit to the board an annual report on the amounts
3-37 and purposes for which grant funds were spent during the year
3-38 covered by the report.

3-39 Sec. 61.9997. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. A reasonable amount,
3-40 not to exceed five percent, of any general revenue appropriated for
3-41 purposes of this subchapter may be used by the board to pay the
3-42 costs of administering this subchapter.

3-43 SECTION 3. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
3-44 date of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3-45 shall adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the
3-46 innovation grant programs established under Subchapter D, Chapter
3-47 58A, Education Code, and Subchapter RR, Chapter 61, Education Code,
3-48 as added by this Act.

3-49 (b) Not later than September 1, 2024, the Texas Higher
3-50 Education Coordinating Board shall establish the innovation grant
3-51 programs required by Subchapter D, Chapter 58A, Education Code, and
3-52 Subchapter RR, Chapter 61, Education Code, as added by this Act, and
3-53 shall begin to award grants under each program as soon as
3-54 practicable after the program is established.

3-55 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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