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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Texas Southern University College of Dentistry at Texas Southern University.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 106, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Sec. 106.71. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of regents of Texas Southern University.

(2) "College" means the Texas Southern University College of Dentistry established under this subchapter.

Sec. 106.72. THE TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY. The Texas Southern University College of Dentistry is a college of Texas Southern University and is under the management and control of the board with degrees offered under the name and authority of Texas Southern University.

Sec. 106.73. COURSES AND DEGREES. The board may prescribe courses leading to customary degrees and may adopt rules for the operation, control, and management of the college as necessary for conducting a college of dentistry of the first class.

Sec. 106.74. AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS. The dean of the college, on behalf of the board, may execute and carry out an affiliation or coordinating agreement with any other entity or

1 institution in the college's region.

2 Sec. 106.75. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The board may solicit,
3 accept, and administer gifts and grants from any public or private
4 source for the use and benefit of the college.

5 Sec. 106.76. OTHER FACILITIES. In addition to the
6 college's facilities, the board may enter into agreements under
7 which additional facilities used in the college's teaching and
8 research programs, including libraries, auditoriums, research
9 facilities, and dentistry education buildings, may be provided by a
10 public or private entity.

11 SECTION 2. Section 59.01(3), Education Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (3) "Board" means the board of regents of The
14 University of Texas System, the board of regents of The Texas A&M
15 University System, the board of regents of the Texas Tech
16 University System, the board of regents of the Texas State
17 University System, the board of regents of the University of
18 Houston System, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State
19 University, the board of regents of Texas Southern University, or
20 the board of regents of the University of North Texas System.

21 SECTION 3. Sections 59.02(a) and (c), Education Code, are
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (a) Each board may establish a separate self-insurance fund
24 to pay any damages adjudged in a court of competent jurisdiction or
25 a settlement of any health care liability claim against a health
26 care professional staff member or student arising from the exercise
27 of the member's or student's appointment, duties, or training with

1 The University of Texas System, The Texas A&M University System,
2 the Texas Tech University System, the Texas State University
3 System, the University of Houston System, Stephen F. Austin State
4 University, the Texas Southern University College of Dentistry, or
5 the University of North Texas System.

6 (c) On the establishment of each fund, transfers to the fund
7 shall be made in an amount and at such intervals as determined by
8 the board. Each board may receive and accept any gifts or donations
9 specified for the purposes of this subchapter and deposit those
10 gifts or donations into the fund. Each board may invest money
11 deposited in the fund, and any income received shall be retained in
12 the fund. The money shall be deposited in any of the approved
13 depository banks of The University of Texas System, The Texas A&M
14 University System, the Texas Tech University System, the Texas
15 State University System, the University of Houston System, Stephen
16 F. Austin State University, Texas Southern University, or the
17 University of North Texas System. All expenditures from the funds
18 shall be paid pursuant to approval by the boards.

19 SECTION 4. Section 59.06, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 59.06. LIMITATION ON APPROPRIATED FUNDS. Funds
22 appropriated by the legislature to The University of Texas System,
23 The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Tech University System,
24 the Texas State University System, the University of Houston
25 System, Texas Southern University, or the University of North Texas
26 System from the General Revenue Fund may not be used to establish or
27 maintain the fund, to purchase insurance, or to employ private

1 legal counsel.

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

4 (5) "Medical and dental unit" means The Texas A&M
5 University System Health Science Center and its component
6 institutions, agencies, and programs; the Texas Tech University
7 Health Sciences Center; the Texas Tech University Health Sciences
8 Center at El Paso; the University of Houston College of Medicine;
9 the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine;
10 The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; The University
11 of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; The University of Texas
12 Medical School at San Antonio; The University of Texas Dental
13 Branch at Houston; The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer
14 Center; The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical
15 Sciences at Houston; The University of Texas Dental School at San
16 Antonio; The University of Texas Medical School at Houston; the
17 Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin; the School
18 of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; the
19 nursing institutions of The Texas A&M University System and The
20 University of Texas System; and The University of Texas School of
21 Public Health at Houston; the Texas Southern University College of
22 Dentistry; and such other medical or dental schools as may be
23 established by statute or as provided in this chapter.

24 SECTION 6. Section 61.501(1), Education Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) "Medical school" means the medical school at The
27 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, the medical

1 school at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, the
2 medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at
3 San Antonio, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston,
4 the medical school at The University of Texas at Austin, the medical
5 school at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, the medical
6 education program of The University of Texas Health Science Center
7 at Tyler, the medical school at the Texas Tech University Health
8 Sciences Center, the medical school at the Texas Tech University
9 Health Sciences Center at El Paso, the Sam Houston State University
10 College of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of Houston College
11 of Medicine, the Baylor College of Medicine, the college of
12 osteopathic medicine at the University of North Texas Health
13 Science Center at Fort Worth, the Texas Southern University College
14 of Dentistry, or the medical school at the Texas A&M University
15 Health Science Center.

16 SECTION 7. Section 63.002(c), Education Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (c) The amount available for distribution from the fund may
19 be appropriated only for programs that benefit medical research,
20 health education, or treatment programs at the following
21 health-related institutions of higher education:

22 (1) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
23 San Antonio;

24 (2) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer
25 Center;

26 (3) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical
27 Center;

(4) The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston;

(5) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston;

(6) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler;

(7) The University of Texas Health Science Center--South Texas and its component institutions, if established under Subchapter N, Chapter 74;

(8) The Texas A&M University Health Science Center;

(9) the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth;

(10) the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center;

(11) the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso;

(12) the University of Houston College of Medicine;

(13) the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine;

(14) the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin; ~~and~~

(15) the Texas Southern University College of Dentistry; and

(16) Baylor College of Medicine, if a contract between Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is in effect under Section 61.092.

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.