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H.B. No. 85

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of an undergraduate medical academy
3 at Prairie View A&M University.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 87, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 87.108 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 87.108. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL
8 ACADEMY. (a) The Prairie View A&M Undergraduate Medical Academy is
9 established at Prairie View A&M University.

10 (b) The organization, control, and management of the
11 academy is vested in the board of regents of The Texas A&M
12 University System.

13 (c) The board of regents shall approve the employment of
14 personnel by and the operating budget of the academy. An employee
15 of the academy is an employee of Prairie View A&M University.

16 (d) The purpose of the academy is to prepare students for
17 medical school.

18 (e) A student is eligible to apply for admission into the
19 academy if the student:

20 (1) is enrolled in the Prairie View A&M College of
21 Science;

22 (2) has completed at least one year of undergraduate
23 college courses;

24 (3) has demonstrated interest in a medical career; and

1 (4) has met a standard for academic achievement in
2 their undergraduate courses, as determined by the admissions
3 committee for the academy.

4 (f) The academy shall provide:

5 (1) academic and career counseling for academy
6 students;

7 (2) faculty mentorship for each academy student;

8 (3) enriched undergraduate courses with the specific
9 intent to strengthen academic preparation for future medical school
10 applicants;

11 (4) long distance educational technology to allow
12 interactive participation with medical schools, as appropriate;

13 (5) visitation to medical school educational sites;
14 and

15 (6) visitation of medical school faculty to the
16 academy for academic enrichment purposes.

17 (f) The academy shall interact with the medical schools in
18 Texas to ensure that its curriculum and methods are consistent with
19 current medical school needs and requirements. The academy shall
20 enter into cooperative programs, as appropriate, with medical
21 schools in Texas to help achieve the goals of the academy.

22 (g) The academy shall incorporate into its curriculum
23 current medical school educational formats, such as small group
24 tutorials using problem-based instruction.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.