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H.B. No. 1325

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the rural physician assistant loan reimbursement program.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 204.104(b) and (c), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The Office of Rural Community Affairs shall ~~[establish policies for and adopt rules to]~~ administer the rural physician assistant loan program, subject to Subsection (c). ~~[(c)]~~ The physician assistant board shall authorize and the medical board shall transfer annually the funds designated under Subsection (a) to the Office of Rural Community Affairs to administer the loan program.

(c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Office of Rural Community Affairs by rule shall adopt a memorandum of understanding. The memorandum of understanding must require:

(1) the coordinating board to apply for any federal funds for the loan program;

(2) the coordinating board to transfer any federal funds the coordinating board receives for the loan program to the Office of Rural Community Affairs; and

(3) the Office of Rural Community Affairs to perform any other necessary activity to administer the loan program, including adopting rules and completing reports and applications.

1           SECTION 2.   Section 487.052, Government Code, is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3           Sec. 487.052.   RULES.   The executive committee may adopt  
4 rules as necessary to implement this chapter and any program the  
5 office administers in accordance with a memorandum of  
6 understanding.

7           SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.