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H.B. No. 1420

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of a portion of medical school tuition for
3 student loan repayment assistance for physicians.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.539, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 61.539. MEDICAL SCHOOL TUITION SET ASIDE FOR CERTAIN
8 LOAN REPAYMENTS. (a) The governing boards of each medical unit of
9 an institution of higher education shall cause to be set aside two
10 percent of tuition charges for each student [~~resident students~~]
11 registered in a medical branch, school, or college.

12 (b) The amount set aside shall be transferred to the
13 comptroller of public accounts to be maintained in the state
14 treasury for the sole purpose of repayment of student loans of
15 physicians serving in designated state agencies or economically
16 depressed or [~~rural~~] medically underserved areas of the state as
17 designated by the United States Department of Health and Human
18 Services [~~specified by this subchapter~~]. Section [~~Sections~~
19 ~~403.094(h) and~~] 403.095, Government Code, does [~~do~~] not apply to
20 the amount set aside by this section.

21 (c) As soon as practicable after each state fiscal year, the
22 comptroller shall prepare a report for that fiscal year of the
23 number of students registered in a medical branch, school, or
24 college, the total amount of tuition charges collected by each

1 institution, the total amount transferred to the treasury under
2 this section, and the total amount available under Subsection (b)
3 for the repayment of student loans of physicians under this
4 subchapter. The comptroller shall deliver a copy of the report to
5 the board and to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of
6 the house of representatives not later than January 1 following the
7 end of the fiscal year covered by the report.

8 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
9 beginning with tuition fees charged to students registered in a
10 medical branch, school, or college for the 2003-2004 academic year.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.