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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the administration of the Joint Admission Medical  
1-9 Program.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subdivision (5), Section 51.821, Education Code,  
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (5) "Participating student" means an eligible  
1-14 undergraduate student who is admitted to the program and who  
1-15 maintains eligibility for continued participation in the program.  
1-16 The term does not include a program alternate who participates in  
1-17 mentoring activities and receives other related counseling  
1-18 services under the program.

1-19 SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (d), Section 51.824,  
1-20 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-21 (a) The council shall:

1-22 (1) recruit eligible undergraduate students for  
1-23 admission to the program;

1-24 (2) establish an application process for admitting  
1-25 eligible undergraduate students to the program;

1-26 (3) evaluate applications for admission to the program  
1-27 according to the procedures for selecting participating students  
1-28 under [selection requirements of] Subsection (b) and for selecting  
1-29 program alternates under Section 51.8245;

1-30 (4) monitor the implementation of the program;

1-31 (5) assist in developing services to support and  
1-32 encourage the pursuit of a medical education by participating  
1-33 students, program alternates, and, as applicable, nontraditional  
1-34 students described by Section 51.832;

1-35 (6) establish a process for participating students to:

1-36 (A) be matched to an internship program as  
1-37 described by Subsection (c);

1-38 (B) be matched to any required undergraduate  
1-39 mentoring program as described by Subsection (d);

1-40 (C) apply for admission to participating medical  
1-41 schools;

1-42 (D) be matched to a participating medical school  
1-43 as described by Subsection (e); and

1-44 (E) enroll in that school;

1-45 (7) award to participating students undergraduate  
1-46 scholarships and summer stipends, including a summer stipend for a  
1-47 student who is required to participate in an internship program in  
1-48 the summer immediately following the student's senior year;

1-49 (8) award graduate scholarships to participating  
1-50 students and, as applicable, nontraditional students described by  
1-51 Section 51.832;

1-52 (9) enter into an agreement with each student admitted  
1-53 to the program, each program alternate, each participating medical  
1-54 school, and each general academic teaching institution or private  
1-55 or independent institution of higher education as required by this  
1-56 subchapter; and

1-57 (10) take any other action necessary to implement the  
1-58 program.

1-59 (d) The council shall match each participating student and  
1-60 each program alternate with any appropriate undergraduate  
1-61 mentoring program required of the student or alternate by the  
1-62 council.

1-63 SECTION 3. Subchapter V, Chapter 51, Education Code, as  
1-64 added by Chapter 605, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular

2-1 Session, 2001, is amended by adding Sections 51.8245 and 51.8246 to  
2-2 read as follows:

2-3 Sec. 51.8245. PROGRAM ALTERNATES. (a) The council shall  
2-4 establish procedures by which the council selects from the annual  
2-5 pool of applicants for the program an appropriate number of  
2-6 eligible undergraduate students to serve as program alternates  
2-7 until the beginning of their senior year. The council shall rank  
2-8 program alternates according to their qualifications for the  
2-9 program and, immediately on the termination of the participation of  
2-10 a student previously admitted to the program, shall select the  
2-11 highest ranking program alternate to be a participating student  
2-12 under the program. The council may not select a program alternate  
2-13 to be a participating student after the first day of the fall  
2-14 semester of the alternate's senior year.

2-15 (b) The council shall establish procedures for program  
2-16 alternates to be matched to any required undergraduate mentoring  
2-17 program as described by Section 51.824(d). A program alternate  
2-18 selected under this section is limited to participating in  
2-19 mentoring activities and receiving other related counseling  
2-20 services under the program and must sign an agreement to that  
2-21 effect.

2-22 (c) The council shall adopt criteria for program alternates  
2-23 to maintain their eligibility as program alternates.

2-24 Sec. 51.8246. CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS.

2-25 (a) Student education records created or considered under the  
2-26 program are confidential and may be released only in accordance  
2-27 with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20  
2-28 U.S.C. Section 1232g).

2-29 (b) A meeting or portion of a meeting of the council at which  
2-30 the education records or other personal information of individual  
2-31 students or the evaluation, eligibility, admission, or selection of  
2-32 individual students are discussed is not open to the public under  
2-33 Chapter 551, Government Code.

2-34 SECTION 4. Section 51.826, Education Code, is amended to  
2-35 read as follows:

2-36 Sec. 51.826. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAM. (a) To  
2-37 be eligible for admission to the program or for selection as a  
2-38 program alternate, an undergraduate student must:

2-39 (1) enroll at a general academic teaching institution  
2-40 or a private or independent institution of higher education not  
2-41 later than the first fall semester following the student's  
2-42 graduation from high school;

2-43 (2) be a Texas resident for purposes of tuition under  
2-44 Subchapter B, Chapter 54;

2-45 (3) except as provided by Subsection (c), successfully  
2-46 complete at least 15 semester credit hours during the fall semester  
2-47 of the student's freshman year at the general academic teaching  
2-48 institution or the private or independent institution of higher  
2-49 education;

2-50 (4) apply for admission to the program at the  
2-51 beginning of the spring semester of the student's freshman year at  
2-52 the general academic teaching institution or the private or  
2-53 independent institution of higher education; and

2-54 (5) meet criteria established by the council  
2-55 regarding:

2-56 (A) minimum high school and undergraduate grade  
2-57 point averages;

2-58 (B) financial need and any other indication of  
2-59 economic disadvantage; and

2-60 (C) any other matter the council considers  
2-61 appropriate.

2-62 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), a student is not a  
2-63 Texas resident as described by that subdivision solely because the  
2-64 student is eligible to pay tuition at the resident tuition rate.

2-65 (c) The council shall adopt rules to admit to the program or  
2-66 to select as a program alternate an otherwise eligible  
2-67 undergraduate student who, for good cause, has not successfully  
2-68 completed the number of semester credit hours required under  
2-69 Subsection (a)(3). The council may not admit to the program or

3-1 select as a program alternate an undergraduate student who has  
3-2 successfully completed fewer than nine semester credit hours.

3-3 SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 51.829, Education Code,  
3-4 is amended to read as follows:

3-5 (a) Each participating medical school must enter into an  
3-6 agreement with the council under which the medical school agrees  
3-7 to:

3-8 (1) select a faculty member employed by the medical  
3-9 school to serve on the council;

3-10 (2) commit faculty and administrative resources to the  
3-11 program;

3-12 (3) set aside for participating students or, if  
3-13 necessary, nontraditional students described by Section 51.831 at  
3-14 least 10 percent of the medical school's enrollment capacity for  
3-15 each entering class, except as provided by Subsection (b);

3-16 (4) admit participating students who are matched to  
3-17 the medical school under the program;

3-18 (5) provide internship programs for participating  
3-19 students who have been matched to or are required to participate in  
3-20 those programs as described by Section 51.824(c) and coordinate the  
3-21 administration of those programs with general academic teaching  
3-22 institutions or private or independent institutions of higher  
3-23 education as necessary;

3-24 (6) provide for participating students and program  
3-25 alternates any mentoring programs required by the council at the  
3-26 undergraduate level and coordinate the administration of those  
3-27 programs with general academic teaching institutions or private or  
3-28 independent institutions of higher education as necessary; and

3-29 (7) provide support services, including  
3-30 postbaccalaureate mentoring programs required by the council, to  
3-31 participating students and, as applicable, nontraditional students  
3-32 described by Section 51.832 who enroll in the medical school.

3-33 SECTION 6. Section 51.830, Education Code, is amended to  
3-34 read as follows:

3-35 Sec. 51.830. COUNCIL AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL ACADEMIC  
3-36 TEACHING INSTITUTION. Each general academic teaching institution  
3-37 must enter into an agreement with the council under which the  
3-38 institution agrees to:

3-39 (1) provide academic counseling to a participating  
3-40 student or program alternate enrolled at that institution;

3-41 (2) as soon as practicable, implement or expand  
3-42 appropriate degree programs as necessary to provide participating  
3-43 students with sufficient preparation for enrollment in  
3-44 participating medical schools; and

3-45 (3) select a faculty director to assist in  
3-46 implementing the program at the institution and in implementing or  
3-47 expanding the institution's degree programs as necessary under  
3-48 Subdivision (2).

3-49 SECTION 7. Section 51.831, Education Code, is amended to  
3-50 read as follows:

3-51 Sec. 51.831. COUNCIL AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE OR INDEPENDENT  
3-52 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Each private or independent  
3-53 institution of higher education must enter into an agreement with  
3-54 the council under which the institution agrees to:

3-55 (1) provide academic counseling to a participating  
3-56 student or program alternate enrolled at the institution;

3-57 (2) as soon as practicable, implement or expand  
3-58 appropriate degree programs as necessary to provide participating  
3-59 students with sufficient preparation for enrollment in  
3-60 participating medical schools;

3-61 (3) select a faculty director to assist in  
3-62 implementing the program at the institution and in implementing or  
3-63 expanding the institution's degree programs as necessary under  
3-64 Subdivision (2); and

3-65 (4) provide a scholarship to a participating student  
3-66 in the amount required for a participating student attending a  
3-67 general academic teaching institution, but not to exceed the amount  
3-68 of tuition and fees that the student is charged.

3-69 SECTION 8. (a) The change in law made by Subchapter V,

4-1 Chapter 51, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to  
4-2 an application for admission to the Joint Admission Medical Program  
4-3 filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

4-4 (b) The Joint Admission Medical Program Council shall  
4-5 establish procedures and adopt rules regarding the selection of  
4-6 program alternates and participating students as required by  
4-7 Subchapter V, Chapter 51, Education Code, as amended by this Act,  
4-8 not later than November 1, 2003.

4-9 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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