

Amend SB 1500 (committee printing) by striking SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 13-52) and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Section 32.0315, Human Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The department shall allocate the funds in the manner the department determines most effectively and equitably achieves the purposes for which those federal funds are received, consistent with the needs of this state for graduate medical education and the training of resident physicians in accredited residency programs in appropriate fields and specialties, taking into account other money available to support graduate medical education. In determining the needs of this state for graduate medical education, the department shall give primary emphasis to graduate medical education in primary care specialties and shall also recognize the growth in residency training slots since 1997 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and other health care shortage areas of this state.