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H.B. No. 2420

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the allocation of federal funds directed to be used to  
3 support graduate medical education in connection with the state  
4 Medicaid program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 32.0315(b), Human Resources Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

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

20 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
21 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
22 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
23 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
24 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the

1 waiver or authorization is granted.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.