

1-1 By: Chavez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 2420
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2005;
1-3 May 16, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 19, 2005, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 19, 2005,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the allocation of federal funds directed to be used to
1-10 support graduate medical education in connection with the state
1-11 Medicaid program.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 32.0315(b), Human Resources Code, is
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 (b) The department shall allocate the funds in the manner
1-16 the department determines most effectively and equitably achieves
1-17 the purposes for which those federal funds are received, consistent
1-18 with the needs of this state for graduate medical education and the
1-19 training of resident physicians in accredited residency programs in
1-20 appropriate fields and specialties, taking into account other money
1-21 available to support graduate medical education. In determining
1-22 the needs of this state for graduate medical education, the
1-23 department shall give primary emphasis to graduate medical
1-24 education in primary care specialties and shall also recognize the
1-25 growth in residency training slots since 1997 in the Lower Rio
1-26 Grande Valley and other health care shortage areas of this state.

1-27 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
1-28 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
1-29 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
1-30 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
1-31 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
1-32 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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