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S.B. No. 276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to authorizing The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler to offer courses and degree programs in allied health and related fields.

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

SECTION 1. Section 74.602, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 74.602. PURPOSES [~~PURPOSE~~] OF HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER; DEGREE PROGRAMS. (a) It is the policy of this state to provide a program of treatment of the citizens of this state who are affected with respiratory diseases. In pursuance of that policy, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, among other functions, shall serve as the primary facility in this state to:

- (1) conduct research relating to respiratory diseases;
- (2) develop diagnostic and treatment techniques and procedures for respiratory diseases;
- (3) provide training and teaching programs; and
- (4) provide diagnosis and treatment of inpatients and outpatients with respiratory diseases.

(b) The center may provide education and training in allied health and related health science fields, and for that purpose may prescribe courses and conduct professional or other degree programs in those fields. The center may prescribe a course or conduct a

1 degree program under this subsection jointly or in collaboration
2 with any other appropriate educational entity or institution.

3 (c) The degree programs to be offered under Subsection (b)
4 are subject to approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
5 Board.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
11 legislative session.