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S.B. No. 1684

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to reimbursement received by The University of Texas  
3 Medical Branch at Galveston for uncompensated care.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 780.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (c) In any fiscal year, the commissioner shall use at least  
9 96 percent of the money appropriated from the account, after any  
10 amount necessary to maintain the reserve established by Subsection  
11 (b) is deducted, to fund a portion of the uncompensated trauma care  
12 provided at facilities designated as state trauma facilities by the  
13 department or an undesignated facility in active pursuit of  
14 designation and to fund a portion of other uncompensated care as  
15 provided by Subsection (c-1). Funds may be disbursed under this  
16 subsection based on a proportionate share of uncompensated trauma  
17 care provided in the state and may be used to fund innovative  
18 projects to enhance the delivery of patient care in the overall  
19 emergency medical services and trauma care system.

20 (c-1) The first \$10 million disbursed under Subsection (c)  
21 each fiscal year must be used to fund a portion of the uncompensated  
22 care provided by The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
23 Galveston.

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