

Amend **HB 3154** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) The Texas Health Care Policy Council, in coordination with the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research at The University of Texas at San Antonio, the Regional Center for Health Workforce Studies at the Center for Health Economics and Policy of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the Texas Medical Board, shall conduct a study regarding increasing:

(1) the number of medical residency programs and medical residents in this state; and

(2) the number of physicians practicing medical specialties.

(b) The study must:

(1) examine the feasibility of using a percentage of physician licensing fees to increase the number of medical residency programs and medical residents in this state;

(2) put emphasis on, and recommend a plan of action for, increasing the number of:

(A) medical residency programs and medical residents in medically underserved areas of this state; and

(B) physicians practicing medical specialties that are underrepresented in this state; and

(3) determine the number of medical residents that obtain a license to practice medicine in this state on completion of a medical residency program in this state.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2008, the Texas Health Care Policy Council shall:

(1) report the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(2) make available the raw data from the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the House Committee on Public Health, and the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

(d) The Texas Health Care Policy Council may accept gifts,

grants, and donations of any kind from any source for the purposes of this section.

(e) This Section expires January 1, 2009.