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AN ACT

relating to the creation of a minimum data set for the collection of information on health professionals by the statewide health coordinating council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 105.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (h), the Department of Information Resources, through TexasOnline and in consultation with the council and the Health Professions Council, shall add and label as "mandatory" the following fields on an application or renewal form for a license, certificate, or registration for a person regulated by a health occupation regulatory agency that is a member of the Health Professions Council and for emergency medical services personnel regulated by the Department of State Health Services:

(1) full name and last four digits of social security number;

(2) certification, registration, or licensure information, including certification, registration, or license number, issuance date, method of certification, registration, or licensure, and certification, registration, or licensure status;

(3) full mailing address; and

1 (4) educational background and training, including
2 basic health professions degree, school name and location of basic
3 health professions degree, and graduation year for basic health
4 professions degree, and, as applicable, highest professional
5 degree obtained, related professional school name and location, and
6 related graduation year [~~At a minimum, the data collected by the~~
7 ~~council must include the following in regard to health~~
8 ~~professionals:~~

- 9 ~~[(1) their number and geographic distribution;~~
10 ~~[(2) licensure or certification status;~~
11 ~~[(3) specialty areas, if applicable; and~~
12 ~~[(4) trends or changes in license holders according to~~
13 ~~number or geographic distribution].~~

14 (c-1) Except as provided by Subsection (h), the Department
15 of Information Resources, through TexasOnline and in consultation
16 with the council and the Health Professions Council, shall add and
17 label as "voluntary" the following fields on an application or
18 renewal form for a license, certificate, or registration for a
19 person regulated by a health occupation regulatory agency that is a
20 member of the Health Professions Council and for emergency medical
21 services personnel regulated by the Department of State Health
22 Services:

- 23 (1) date and place of birth;
24 (2) sex;
25 (3) race and ethnicity;
26 (4) location of high school;
27 (5) mailing address of primary practice;

1 (6) number of hours per week spent at primary practice
2 location;

3 (7) description of primary practice setting;

4 (8) primary practice information, including primary
5 specialty practice, practice location zip code, and county federal
6 information processing standards code; and

7 (9) secondary practice information, including
8 practice location zip code and county federal information
9 processing standards code.

10 (c-2) The members of the Health Professions Council shall
11 encourage each person licensed, certified, or registered under that
12 council's authority to submit application and renewal information
13 under Subsections (c) and (c-1) through the system developed by the
14 Department of Information Resources and TexasOnline.

15 (f) The relevant members of the Health Professions Council,
16 in conjunction with the Department of Information Resources, shall
17 ensure that the information collected under Subsections (c) and
18 (c-1) is transmitted to the statewide health coordinating council.
19 The council shall store the information as needed and conduct
20 related workforce studies, including a determination of the
21 geographical distribution of the reporting professionals.

22 (g) The Department of Information Resources shall work with
23 the health occupation regulatory agencies that are members of the
24 Health Professions Council to minimize the costs to Health
25 Professions Council members of obtaining the information under
26 Subsections (c) and (c-1).

27 (h) This section does not apply to the State Board of

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1 Veterinary Medical Examiners or the Texas Funeral Service
2 Commission.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect March 1, 2008.