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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 29 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the creation of a minimum data set for the collection of
1-11 information on health professionals by the statewide health
1-12 coordinating council.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 105.003, Health and Safety Code, is
1-15 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1),
1-16 (c-2), (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

1-17 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (h), the Department of
1-18 Information Resources, through TexasOnline and in consultation
1-19 with the council and the Health Professions Council, shall add and
1-20 label as "mandatory" the following fields on an application or
1-21 renewal form for a license, certificate, or registration for a
1-22 person regulated by a health occupation regulatory agency that is a
1-23 member of the Health Professions Council and for emergency medical
1-24 services personnel regulated by the Department of State Health
1-25 Services:

1-26 (1) full name and last four digits of social security
1-27 number;

1-28 (2) certification, registration, or licensure
1-29 information, including certification, registration, or license
1-30 number, issuance date, method of certification, registration, or
1-31 licensure, and certification, registration, or licensure status;

1-32 (3) full mailing address; and

1-33 (4) educational background and training, including
1-34 basic health professions degree, school name and location of basic
1-35 health professions degree, and graduation year for basic health
1-36 professions degree, and, as applicable, highest professional
1-37 degree obtained, related professional school name and location, and
1-38 related graduation year [At a minimum, the data collected by the
1-39 council must include the following in regard to health
1-40 professionals:

1-41 [(1) their number and geographic distribution;

1-42 [(2) licensure or certification status;

1-43 [(3) specialty areas, if applicable; and

1-44 [(4) trends or changes in license holders according to
1-45 number or geographic distribution].

1-46 (c-1) Except as provided by Subsection (h), the Department
1-47 of Information Resources, through TexasOnline and in consultation
1-48 with the council and the Health Professions Council, shall add and
1-49 label as "voluntary" the following fields on an application or
1-50 renewal form for a license, certificate, or registration for a
1-51 person regulated by a health occupation regulatory agency that is a
1-52 member of the Health Professions Council and for emergency medical
1-53 services personnel regulated by the Department of State Health
1-54 Services:

1-55 (1) date and place of birth;

1-56 (2) sex;

1-57 (3) race and ethnicity;

1-58 (4) location of high school;

1-59 (5) mailing address of primary practice;

1-60 (6) number of hours per week spent at primary practice
1-61 location;

1-62 (7) description of primary practice setting;

1-63 (8) primary practice information, including primary

2-1 specialty practice, practice location zip code, and county federal
2-2 information processing standards code; and

2-3 (9) secondary practice information, including
2-4 practice location zip code and county federal information
2-5 processing standards code.

2-6 (c-2) The members of the Health Professions Council shall
2-7 encourage each person licensed, certified, or registered under that
2-8 council's authority to submit application and renewal information
2-9 under Subsections (c) and (c-1) through the system developed by the
2-10 Department of Information Resources and TexasOnline.

2-11 (f) The relevant members of the Health Professions Council,
2-12 in conjunction with the Department of Information Resources, shall
2-13 ensure that the information collected under Subsections (c) and
2-14 (c-1) is transmitted to the statewide health coordinating council.
2-15 The council shall store the information as needed and conduct
2-16 related workforce studies, including a determination of the
2-17 geographical distribution of the reporting professionals.

2-18 (g) The Department of Information Resources shall work with
2-19 the health occupation regulatory agencies that are members of the
2-20 Health Professions Council to minimize the costs to Health
2-21 Professions Council members of obtaining the information under
2-22 Subsections (c) and (c-1).

2-23 (h) This section does not apply to the State Board of
2-24 Veterinary Medical Examiners or the Texas Funeral Service
2-25 Commission.

2-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect March 1, 2008.

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