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S.B. No. 1095

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on increasing the number of medical residency programs, medical residents, and physicians practicing medical specialties in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 153, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 153.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 153.016. STUDY ON MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAMS AND MEDICAL RESIDENTS. (a) The 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; and

(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 in those medically underserved areas.

1 (c) Not later than December 1, 2008, the board shall report
2 the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
3 and the speaker of the house of representatives.

4 (d) This section expires January 1, 2009.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.