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1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the operation of the Joint Admission Medical Program
1-10 and to admission to the program.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 51.824,
1-13 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) The council shall:

1-15 (1) recruit eligible undergraduate students for
1-16 admission to the program;

1-17 (2) establish an application process for admitting
1-18 eligible undergraduate students to the program;

1-19 (3) evaluate applications for admission to the program
1-20 according to the procedures for selecting participating students
1-21 under Subsection (b) and for selecting program alternates under
1-22 Section 51.8245;

1-23 (4) monitor the implementation of the program;

1-24 (5) assist in developing services to support and
1-25 encourage the pursuit of a medical education by participating
1-26 students and program alternates ~~[, and, as applicable,~~
1-27 ~~nontraditional students described by Section 51.832];~~

1-28 (6) establish a process for participating students to:

1-29 (A) be matched to an internship program as
1-30 described by Subsection (c);

1-31 (B) be matched to any required undergraduate
1-32 mentoring program as described by Subsection (d);

1-33 (C) apply for admission to participating medical
1-34 schools;

1-35 (D) be matched to a participating medical school
1-36 as described by Subsection (e); and

1-37 (E) enroll in that school;

1-38 (7) award to participating students undergraduate
1-39 scholarships and summer stipends, including a summer stipend for a
1-40 student who is required to participate in an internship program in
1-41 the summer immediately following the student's senior year;

1-42 (8) award graduate scholarships to participating
1-43 students ~~[and, as applicable, nontraditional students described by~~
1-44 ~~Section 51.832];~~

1-45 (9) enter into an agreement with each student admitted
1-46 to the program, each program alternate, each participating medical
1-47 school, and each general academic teaching institution or private
1-48 or independent institution of higher education as required by this
1-49 subchapter; and

1-50 (10) take any other action necessary to implement the
1-51 program.

1-52 (b) From each general academic teaching institution, the
1-53 council annually shall select for admission to the program ~~[at~~
1-54 ~~least]~~ two eligible undergraduate students who are enrolled as
1-55 sophomores at that institution. From each private or independent
1-56 institution of higher education, the council annually shall select
1-57 for admission to the program one eligible undergraduate student who
1-58 is enrolled as a sophomore at that institution ~~[The council shall~~
1-59 ~~allocate 10 percent of the total program openings on a rotation~~
1-60 ~~basis to private or independent institutions of higher education].~~
1-61 The council shall allocate the remaining program openings to
1-62 participating ~~[general academic teaching]~~ institutions as the
1-63 council determines to be appropriate. If there are insufficient
1-64 program openings to accommodate two students from each general

2-1 academic teaching institution and one student from each private or
 2-2 independent institution of higher education, the council shall
 2-3 select students for admission to the program to achieve the purpose
 2-4 of this subchapter, with no more than 30 percent of the program
 2-5 openings allocated to students from private or independent
 2-6 institutions of higher education.

2-7 SECTION 2. Section 51.826, Education Code, is amended to
 2-8 read as follows:

2-9 Sec. 51.826. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAM. (a) To
 2-10 be eligible for admission to the program or for selection as a
 2-11 program alternate, an undergraduate student must:

2-12 (1) have enrolled [enroll] at an [a general academic
 2-13 teaching institution or a private or independent] institution of
 2-14 higher education not later than the first fall semester following
 2-15 the student's graduation from high school;

2-16 (2) be enrolled at a general academic teaching
 2-17 institution or a private or independent institution of higher
 2-18 education at the time of application to the program;

2-19 (3) be a Texas resident for purposes of tuition under
 2-20 Subchapter B, Chapter 54;

2-21 (4) ~~[(3)]~~ except as provided by Subsection (c),
 2-22 successfully complete at least 27 semester credit hours during the
 2-23 student's freshman year ~~[at the general academic teaching~~
 2-24 ~~institution or the private or independent institution of higher~~
 2-25 ~~education];~~

2-26 (5) ~~[(4)]~~ apply for admission to the program not later
 2-27 than the date designated by the council during ~~[September 1 of]~~ the
 2-28 fall semester of the student's sophomore year at the general
 2-29 academic teaching institution or the private or independent
 2-30 institution of higher education; and

2-31 (6) ~~[(5)]~~ meet criteria established by the council
 2-32 regarding:

2-33 (A) minimum high school and undergraduate grade
 2-34 point averages;

2-35 (B) financial need and any other indication of
 2-36 economic disadvantage; and

2-37 (C) any other matter the council considers
 2-38 appropriate.

2-39 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(3) ~~[(a)(2)]~~, a student is
 2-40 not a Texas resident as described by that subdivision solely
 2-41 because the student is eligible to pay tuition at the resident
 2-42 tuition rate.

2-43 (c) The council shall adopt rules to admit to the program or
 2-44 to select as a program alternate an otherwise eligible
 2-45 undergraduate student who, for good cause, has not successfully
 2-46 completed the number of semester credit hours required under
 2-47 Subsection (a)(4) ~~[(a)(3)]~~. The council may not admit to the
 2-48 program or select as a program alternate an undergraduate student
 2-49 who has successfully completed fewer than 18 semester credit hours.

2-50 SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 51.8265, Education Code,
 2-51 is amended to read as follows:

2-52 (b) An identified student who expresses an interest in
 2-53 participating in the program is entitled to the following
 2-54 assistance during the student's freshman year:

2-55 (1) regular meetings with a program faculty director
 2-56 or an academic or health professions advisor to monitor the
 2-57 student's academic progress and advise the student in academic
 2-58 course work and career choices; and

2-59 (2) tutoring in courses as necessary, to be paid with
 2-60 program funds.

2-61 SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 51.829, Education Code,
 2-62 is amended to read as follows:

2-63 (a) Each participating medical school must enter into an
 2-64 agreement with the council under which the medical school agrees
 2-65 to:

2-66 (1) select a faculty member employed by the medical
 2-67 school to serve on the council;

2-68 (2) commit faculty and administrative resources to the
 2-69 program;

3-1 (3) set aside for participating students [~~or, if~~
3-2 ~~necessary, nontraditional students described by Section 51.831~~] at
3-3 least 10 percent of the medical school's enrollment capacity for
3-4 each entering class, except as provided by Subsection (b);

3-5 (4) admit participating students who are matched to
3-6 the medical school under the program;

3-7 (5) provide internship programs for participating
3-8 students who have been matched to or are required to participate in
3-9 those programs as described by Section 51.824(c) and coordinate the
3-10 administration of those programs with general academic teaching
3-11 institutions or private or independent institutions of higher
3-12 education as necessary;

3-13 (6) provide for participating students and program
3-14 alternates any mentoring programs required by the council at the
3-15 undergraduate level and coordinate the administration of those
3-16 programs with general academic teaching institutions or private or
3-17 independent institutions of higher education as necessary; and

3-18 (7) provide support services, including
3-19 postbaccalaureate mentoring programs required by the council, to
3-20 participating students [~~and, as applicable, nontraditional~~
3-21 ~~students described by Section 51.832~~] who enroll in the medical
3-22 school.

3-23 SECTION 5. Section 51.830, Education Code, is amended to
3-24 read as follows:

3-25 Sec. 51.830. COUNCIL AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL ACADEMIC
3-26 TEACHING INSTITUTION. Each general academic teaching institution
3-27 must enter into an agreement with the council under which the
3-28 institution agrees to:

3-29 (1) provide academic counseling to a participating
3-30 student or program alternate enrolled at that institution;

3-31 (2) as soon as practicable, implement or expand
3-32 appropriate degree programs as necessary to provide participating
3-33 students with sufficient preparation for enrollment in
3-34 participating medical schools; and

3-35 (3) select a faculty director or an academic or health
3-36 professions advisor to assist in implementing the program at the
3-37 institution and in implementing or expanding the institution's
3-38 degree programs as necessary under Subdivision (2).

3-39 SECTION 6. Section 51.831, Education Code, is amended to
3-40 read as follows:

3-41 Sec. 51.831. COUNCIL AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE OR INDEPENDENT
3-42 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Each private or independent
3-43 institution of higher education must enter into an agreement with
3-44 the council under which the institution agrees to:

3-45 (1) provide academic counseling to a participating
3-46 student or program alternate enrolled at the institution;

3-47 (2) as soon as practicable, implement or expand
3-48 appropriate degree programs as necessary to provide participating
3-49 students with sufficient preparation for enrollment in
3-50 participating medical schools;

3-51 (3) select a faculty director or an academic or health
3-52 professions advisor to assist in implementing the program at the
3-53 institution and in implementing or expanding the institution's
3-54 degree programs as necessary under Subdivision (2); and

3-55 (4) provide a scholarship to a participating student
3-56 in the amount required for a participating student attending a
3-57 general academic teaching institution, but not to exceed the amount
3-58 of tuition and fees that the student is charged.

3-59 SECTION 7. Subsection (a), Section 51.833, Education Code,
3-60 is amended to read as follows:

3-61 (a) The council may accept a gift, grant, devise, or bequest
3-62 of money, securities, service, or property to carry out any purpose
3-63 of this subchapter, including funds raised or services provided by
3-64 a volunteer or volunteer group to promote the work of the council.
3-65 The council's administrative staff may participate in the
3-66 establishment and operation of an affiliated nonprofit
3-67 organization whose purpose is to raise funds for or provide
3-68 services or other benefits to the council [~~solicit and accept gifts~~
3-69 ~~and grants from any public or private source for the purposes of~~

4-1 ~~this subchapter].~~

4-2 SECTION 8. Section 51.832, Education Code, is repealed.

4-3 SECTION 9. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
4-4 an application for admission to the Joint Admission Medical Program
4-5 filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

4-6 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it
4-7 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
4-8 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
4-9 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
4-10 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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