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S.B. No. 1919

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a commission to study and report on the allocation of state resources for medical education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.4023 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.4023. COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REPORT ON ALLOCATION OF STATE RESOURCES FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION. (a) A commission is established to conduct a study of the allocation of state resources for medical education, including the geographic distribution of those resources.

(b) the commission shall be composed of nine members as follows:

(1) a representative of each of the following entities, appointed by the chancellor or other administrative head of the respective entities, not later than October 1, 2007:

(A) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;

(B) The University of Texas System;

(C) The Texas A&M University System;

(D) The Texas Tech University System;

(E) The University of North Texas System;

(E) Baylor College of Medicine;

(2) three other persons as follows with expertise

1 concerning medical education in this state, appointed not later
2 than October 1, 2007:

3 (A) one member appointed by the governor;

4 (B) one member appointed by the lieutenant
5 governor; and

6 (C) one member appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 (c) The commission may request assistance and information,
9 other than confidential information relating to an identifiable
10 individual, from any public institution of higher education, other
11 state agency, or institution receiving appropriated funds for
12 educational purposes. An institution or other agency shall provide
13 the assistance and information requested to the extent practicable.

14 (d) The expenses of the commission shall be paid in equal
15 amounts from the contingent expense accounts of the senate and
16 house of representatives, or as otherwise agreed to by the
17 lieutenant governor and speaker of the house. Members of the
18 commission serve without compensation, but are entitled to
19 reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying out the
20 commission's duties.

21 (e) The commission shall study:

22 (1) the State's allocation of resources for medical
23 education, including graduate medical education;

24 (2) the geographic distribution of those resources;

25 (3) the value of associating a medical school with a
26 top-tier academic campus;

27 (4) the need for and cost of establishing a new medical

1 school and of establishing academic health programs;

2 (5) the medical school and graduate medical education
3 capacity of public and private institutions in this state and the
4 relative merits of increasing those capacities; and

5 (6) any other matter the commission determines may
6 affect the state's need for medical education.

7 (f) The commission shall prepare a report based on the study
8 required by this section. The commission shall submit the report to
9 the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house,
10 and the coordinating board not later than September 1, 2008.

11 (g) This section expires January 1, 2009.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.