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H.B. No. 519

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a school of pharmacy in the city of Dallas by the University of North Texas System.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 105, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 105.503 to read as follows:

Sec. 105.503. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM SCHOOL OF PHARMACY. (a) The board may establish and operate a school of pharmacy in the city of Dallas as a professional school of the University of North Texas System.

(b) In administering the pharmacy school, the board may prescribe courses leading to customary degrees offered at other leading American schools of pharmacy and may award those degrees.

(c) Until the University of North Texas at Dallas has been administered as a general academic teaching institution for five years, the board shall administer the school of pharmacy as a professional school of the system. After that period, the school of pharmacy shall become a professional school of the University of North Texas at Dallas. Until the school of pharmacy becomes a professional school of the University of North Texas at Dallas, the school of pharmacy is entitled to formula funding as if the school of pharmacy were a professional school of a general academic teaching institution.

(d) Before the board establishes a school of pharmacy under

1 this section, but not later than June 1, 2010, the Texas Higher
2 Education Coordinating Board shall conduct a study of the initial
3 implementation of this section and of the actions the system has
4 taken or must take to obtain accreditation of the school of
5 pharmacy. The coordinating board shall deliver a copy of the study
6 to the board of regents and to the chair of each legislative
7 standing committee or subcommittee with primary jurisdiction over
8 higher education. This subsection expires December 31, 2010.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.