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H.B. No. 2687

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a physician residency grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter I-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I-1. PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY GRANTS

Sec. 61.511. PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The board shall establish and administer the physician residency grant program to provide grants to eligible residency programs at health care entities, including nonprofit community hospitals, county health systems, and community health clinics, that apply to the board in the manner prescribed by the board.

(b) The board may provide grants only to support physician residency programs for:

(1) family practice;

(2) pediatrics;

(3) psychiatry; or

(4) internal medicine.

(c) The board shall award grants based on:

(1) the residency program's history of placing residents in underserved communities after the residency program is completed; and

(2) the amount of matching funding a residency program will receive from community collaborative groups.

1 (d) A grant received by a health care entity under this
2 section may be used only to pay the salaries of resident physicians
3 in the appropriate programs in an amount of not more than \$65,000
4 for each resident in a year.

5 (e) The grant program may provide funding for not more than
6 420 residency positions each year.

7 (f) The board shall adopt rules for the administration of
8 this section.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.