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S.B. No. 1728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the administration of and eligibility for the Joint
3 Admissions Medical Program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 51.826, Education Code,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) To be eligible for admission to the program or for
8 selection as a program alternate, an undergraduate student must:

9 (1) ~~[have enrolled at an institution of higher
10 education not later than the first fall semester following the
11 student's graduation from high school,~~

12 ~~[(2)]~~ be enrolled at a general academic teaching
13 institution or a private or independent institution of higher
14 education at the time of application to the program;

15 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ be a Texas resident for purposes of tuition
16 under Subchapter B, Chapter 54;

17 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ except as provided by Subsection (c),
18 successfully complete at least 27 semester credit hours during the
19 student's freshman year;

20 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ apply for admission to the program not later
21 than a date, as designated by the council, that occurs during the
22 fall semester of the student's sophomore year at the general
23 academic teaching institution or the private or independent
24 institution of higher education; and

1 (5) [~~(6)~~] meet criteria established by the council
2 regarding:

3 (A) minimum high school and undergraduate grade
4 point averages;

5 (B) financial need and any other indication of
6 economic disadvantage; and

7 (C) any other matter the council considers
8 appropriate.

9 SECTION 2. Subdivision (4), Section 51.821, Education Code,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 (4) "Participating medical school" means each of the
12 following entities:

13 (A) the medical school at The University of Texas
14 Health Science Center at Houston;

15 (B) the medical school at The University of Texas
16 Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas;

17 (C) the medical school at The University of Texas
18 Health Science Center at San Antonio;

19 (D) the medical school at The University of Texas
20 Medical Branch at Galveston;

21 (E) the medical school at Texas Tech University
22 Health Sciences Center at Lubbock;

23 (F) the medical school at Texas Tech University
24 Health Sciences Center at El Paso;

25 (G) the Baylor College of Medicine;

26 (H) [~~(G)~~] the college of osteopathic medicine at
27 the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth;

1 and

2 (I) [~~(H)~~] the medical school at The Texas A&M
3 University System Health Science Center.

4 SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:

5 (1) Subsection (b), Section 51.823, Education Code;
6 and

7 (2) Subsection (c), Section 51.8265, Education Code.

8 SECTION 4. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
9 date of this Act, the medical school at Texas Tech University Health
10 Sciences Center at El Paso shall:

11 (1) enter into the agreement with the Joint Admission
12 Medical Program Council required by Section 51.829, Education Code;
13 and

14 (2) select an appropriate faculty member to represent
15 the medical school on the council.

16 (b) The medical school at Texas Tech University Health
17 Sciences Center at El Paso shall provide internships and mentoring
18 under the Joint Admission Medical Program as appropriate beginning
19 with the 2011-2012 academic year, but is not required before the
20 2012-2013 academic year to admit participating students to the
21 medical school under the program.

22 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
23 51.826 and 51.8265, Education Code, apply beginning with applicants
24 for admission to the Joint Admission Medical Program during the
25 2009-2010 academic year.

26 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.