

Amend CSHB 1 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION under the special provisions relating only to state agencies of higher education in ARTICLE III of the bill (page III-200), and renumbering existing SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

Sec. _____. Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program at University of Houston. It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Houston may operate an optometry career program that prepares highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students from any public or private institution of higher education for advanced studies and a career in the field of optometry and that the university solicit and accept gifts and grants for that purpose. The University of Houston may use a portion of the available general revenue funds otherwise appropriated to the institution by this Act, including gifts and grants, for the purpose of establishing and operating such a program at the institution.