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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2546:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas emergency and trauma care education partnership program.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER GG. TEXAS EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CARE EDUCATION

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Sec. 61.9801. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Emergency and trauma care education partnership" means a partnership that:

(A) consists of one or more hospitals in this state and one or more graduate professional nursing or graduate medical education programs in this state; and

(B) serves to increase training opportunities in emergency and trauma care for doctors and registered nurses at participating graduate medical education and graduate professional nursing programs.

(2) "Participating education program" means a graduate professional nursing program as that term is defined by Section 54.221 or a graduate medical education program leading to board certification by the American Board of Medical Specialties that participates in an emergency and trauma care education partnership.

1       Sec. 61.9802. PROGRAM: ESTABLISHMENT; ADMINISTRATION;  
2 PURPOSE. (a) The Texas emergency and trauma care education  
3 partnership program is established.

4       (b) The board shall administer the program in accordance  
5 with this subchapter and rules adopted under this subchapter.

6       (c) Under the program, to the extent funds are available  
7 under Section 61.9805, the board shall make grants to emergency and  
8 trauma care education partnerships to assist those partnerships to  
9 meet the state's needs for doctors and registered nurses with  
10 training in emergency and trauma care by offering one-year or  
11 two-year fellowships to students enrolled in graduate professional  
12 nursing or graduate medical education programs through  
13 collaboration between hospitals and graduate professional nursing  
14 or graduate medical education programs and the use of the existing  
15 expertise and facilities of those hospitals and programs.

16       Sec. 61.9803. GRANTS: CONDITIONS; LIMITATIONS. (a) The  
17 board may make a grant under this subchapter to an emergency and  
18 trauma care education partnership only if the board determines  
19 that:

20               (1) the partnership will meet applicable standards for  
21 instruction and student competency for each program offered by each  
22 participating education program;

23               (2) each participating education program will, as a  
24 result of the partnership, enroll in the education program a  
25 sufficient number of additional students as established by the  
26 board;

27               (3) each hospital participating in an emergency and

1 trauma care education partnership will provide to students enrolled  
2 in a participating education program clinical placements that:

3 (A) allow the students to take part in providing  
4 or to observe, as appropriate, emergency and trauma care services  
5 offered by the hospital; and

6 (B) meet the clinical education needs of the  
7 students; and

8 (4) the partnership will satisfy any other requirement  
9 established by board rule.

10 (b) A grant under this subchapter may be spent only on  
11 costs related to the development or operation of an emergency and  
12 trauma care education partnership that prepares a student to  
13 complete a graduate professional nursing program with a specialty  
14 focus on emergency and trauma care or earn board certification by  
15 the American Board of Medical Specialties.

16 Sec. 61.9804. PRIORITY FOR FUNDING. In awarding a grant  
17 under this subchapter, the board shall give priority to an  
18 emergency and trauma care education partnership that submits a  
19 proposal that:

20 (1) provides for collaborative educational models  
21 between one or more participating hospitals and one or more  
22 participating education programs that have signed a memorandum of  
23 understanding or other written agreement under which the  
24 participants agree to comply with standards established by the  
25 board, including any standards the board may establish that:

26 (A) provide for program management that offers a  
27 centralized decision-making process allowing for inclusion of each

1 entity participating in the partnership;

2 (B) provide for access to clinical training  
3 positions for students in graduate professional nursing and  
4 graduate medical education programs that are not participating in  
5 the partnership; and

6 (C) specify the details of any requirement  
7 relating to a student in a participating education program being  
8 employed after graduation in a hospital participating in the  
9 partnership, including any details relating to the employment of  
10 students who do not complete the program, are not offered a position  
11 at the hospital, or choose to pursue other employment;

12 (2) includes a demonstrable education model to:

13 (A) increase the number of students enrolled in,  
14 the number of students graduating from, and the number of faculty  
15 employed by each participating education program; and

16 (B) improve student or resident retention in each  
17 participating education program;

18 (3) indicates the availability of money to match a  
19 portion of the grant money, including matching money or in-kind  
20 services approved by the board from a hospital, private or  
21 nonprofit entity, or institution of higher education;

22 (4) can be replicated by other emergency and trauma  
23 care education partnerships or other graduate professional nursing  
24 or graduate medical education programs; and

25 (5) includes plans for sustainability of the  
26 partnership.

27 Sec. 61.9805. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS. In addition to

1 money appropriated by the legislature, the board may solicit,  
2 accept, and spend grants, gifts, and donations from any public or  
3 private source for the purposes of this subchapter.

4 Sec. 61.9806. RULES. The board shall adopt rules for the  
5 administration of the Texas emergency and trauma care education  
6 partnership program. The rules must include:

7 (1) provisions relating to applying for a grant under  
8 this subchapter; and

9 (2) standards of accountability consistent with other  
10 graduate professional nursing and graduate medical education  
11 programs to be met by any emergency and trauma care education  
12 partnership awarded a grant under this subchapter.

13 Sec. 61.9807. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. A reasonable amount,  
14 not to exceed three percent, of any money appropriated for purposes  
15 of this subchapter may be used to pay the costs of administering  
16 this subchapter.

17 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
18 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
19 adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the Texas  
20 emergency and trauma care education partnership program  
21 established under Subchapter GG, Chapter 61, Education Code, as  
22 added by this Act. The board may adopt the initial rules in the  
23 manner provided by law for emergency rules.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.