

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1061  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

A Legislative Budget Board (LBB) performance report issued to the legislature in the mid-1980s found the success of the State Rural Medical Education Board (since renamed the State Medical Education Board) questionable and recommended that the board be abolished. LBB found that only a small percentage of the people who had received loans administered by the board were practicing medicine in rural Texas counties, with only a slightly larger percentage of those individuals practicing in areas designated as medically underserved. No new loans have been made by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding. H.B. 1061 seeks to eliminate an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation.

H.B. 1061 amends current law relating to the repeal of the statutory authority for the State Medical Education Board.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the State Medical Education Board is rescinded in SECTION 1 of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Repealer: Chapter 348 (H.B. 683) (State Rural Medical Education Board), Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article 4498c, V.T.C.S.).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.