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H.B. No. 576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to tracking career information for graduates of Texas medical schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0906 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0906. MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATE TRACKING SYSTEM. (a) The board by rule shall establish a system under which the board acquires and maintains data regarding the initial medical career choices made by graduates of medical schools in this state. The tracking system must use any data reasonably available to the board, including data maintained by or accessible to medical schools in this state, and must collect relevant information regarding the career paths of medical school graduates during the two-year period following completion of their residency or fellowship.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a), relevant information includes:

(1) whether and for how long graduates work in primary care in this state and which medical specialties they choose; and

(2) the location of the practices established by graduates, including whether and for how long they work in a health professional shortage area designated by the Department of State Health Services or in a community-based setting such as a federally

1 qualified health center, community health clinic, or rural
2 hospital.

3 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
4 date of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
5 shall adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the
6 tracking system established under Section 61.0906, Education Code,
7 as added by this Act. The board may adopt the initial rules in the
8 manner provided by law for emergency rules.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Texas Higher
10 Education Coordinating Board shall establish the tracking system
11 required by Section 61.0906, Education Code, as added by this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.