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H.B. No. 591

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 591:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the health professions resource center; increasing a
3 fee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 105.002, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

7 (d) To the extent funding is available through fees
8 collected under Section 505.203(d), Occupations Code, the council
9 shall establish a social work resource section within the center
10 for the collection and analysis of educational and employment
11 trends for social workers in this state.

12 (e) If the social work resource section established under
13 Subsection (d) is funded from surcharges collected under Section
14 505.203(d), Occupations Code, the council shall provide the Texas
15 State Board of Social Worker Examiners with an annual accounting of
16 the money received from the board. The council may expend a
17 reasonable amount of the money to pay administrative costs of
18 maintaining the social work resource section.

19 SECTION 2. Sections 105.003(a), (c-1), (d), and (e), Health
20 and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

21 (a) The council shall place a high priority on collecting
22 and disseminating data on health professions demonstrating an acute
23 shortage in this state, including:

24 (1) data concerning nursing personnel; ~~and~~

1 (2) data concerning social workers; and

2 (3) data concerning the health professions in which
3 shortages occur in rural areas and areas near the international
4 border.

5 (c-1) The Department of Information Resources, through the
6 state electronic Internet portal and in consultation with the
7 council and the Health Professions Council, shall add the following
8 fields on an application or renewal form for a license,
9 certificate, or registration for a person subject to Subsection
10 (c-2):

11 (1) date and place of birth;

12 (2) sex;

13 (3) race and ethnicity;

14 (4) location of high school;

15 (5) mailing address of primary practice;

16 (6) number of hours per week spent at primary practice
17 location;

18 (7) description of primary practice setting;

19 (8) primary practice information, including primary
20 specialty practice, practice location zip code, and county; ~~and~~

21 (9) information regarding any additional practice,
22 including description of practice setting, practice location zip
23 code, and county; and

24 (10) a description of the person's language fluency.

25 (d) To the extent feasible, the council shall use a
26 researcher with a doctorate in nursing to collect, analyze, and
27 disseminate nursing data that may be used to predict supply and

1 demand for nursing personnel in this state using appropriate
2 federal or state supply-and-demand models. To the extent feasible,
3 the council shall use a researcher with a degree from a master's
4 social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work
5 Education and a doctorate in social work to collect, analyze, and
6 disseminate social work data that may be used to predict supply and
7 demand for social work personnel in this state using appropriate
8 federal or state supply-and-demand models. The nursing and social
9 work data must at least:

10 (1) include demographics, areas of practice, supply,
11 demand, and migration; and

12 (2) be analyzed to identify trends relating to numbers
13 and geographical distribution, practice setting, and area of
14 practice and, to the extent possible, compare those trends with
15 corresponding national trends.

16 (e) Data received under this section by the nursing resource
17 section or the social work resource section established under
18 Section 105.002 that contains information identifying specific
19 patients or health care facilities is confidential, is not subject
20 to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not be
21 released unless all identifying information is removed.

22 SECTION 3. Section 105.004(b), Health and Safety Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (b) The council shall publish reports regarding the data
25 collected and analyzed under this chapter related to:

26 (1) the educational and employment trends of nursing
27 and social work professionals;

1 (2) the supply and demand of nursing and social work
2 professionals; and

3 (3) other issues, as determined necessary by the
4 council, concerning nursing or social work professionals in this
5 state.

6 SECTION 4. Section 505.203, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the
9 amount of the fee to renew a social worker license is increased by
10 \$10. The board may use six cents from the amount of the surcharge
11 under this subsection to cover the administrative costs of
12 collecting and depositing the surcharge. The board quarterly shall
13 transmit the remainder of each surcharge to the Department of State
14 Health Services to be used only to fund the social work resource
15 section under Section 105.002, Health and Safety Code. The board is
16 not required to collect the surcharge if the board determines that
17 the money collected is not appropriated to fund the social work
18 resource section.

19 SECTION 5. Section 505.203(d), Occupations Code, as added
20 by this Act, applies only to a license renewed on or after the
21 effective date of this Act. A license renewed before the effective
22 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
23 license was renewed, and the former law is continued in effect for
24 that purpose.

25 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.