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S.B. No. 256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to tracking career information for graduates of Texas  
3 medical schools.

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

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

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

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

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

21 (2) the location of the practices established by  
22 graduates, including whether and for how long they work in a health  
23 professional shortage area designated by the Department of State  
24 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.