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S.B. No. 56

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the resident physician expansion grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 61.511(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (j), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall administer the Resident Physician Expansion Grant Program [~~as a competitive grant program~~] to encourage the creation of new graduate medical education positions through community collaboration and innovative funding. The board shall award grants to new or existing physician residency programs at teaching hospitals and other appropriate health care entities according to the program criteria established under Subsections (b) and (i).

(c) The board may provide grants only to support a residency position that:

(1) is created and accredited on or after July [~~January~~] 1, 2016 [~~2014~~]; or

(2) was created and accredited before July [~~January~~] 1, 2015 [~~2013~~], but as of that date had not yet been filled.

(d) A grant award may be used only to pay direct costs associated with the position, including the creation and maintenance of the position and the salary of the resident physician.

(e) Each grant application must specify:

1 (1) the number of residency positions expected to be
2 created or maintained with the grant money; and

3 (2) the grant amount requested for each year.

4 (f) The board by rule shall ensure that ~~[award]~~ grants are
5 awarded for each ~~[all]~~ residency position for which a grant was
6 ~~[positions]~~ awarded ~~[a grant under this section]~~ in the preceding
7 year ~~[before awarding a grant for a residency position that did not~~
8 ~~receive a grant in the preceding year]~~, until the resident in that
9 position in the preceding year has completed the requirements of
10 the position and provided that the applicable grant recipient from
11 the preceding year complies with all conditions of the grant as
12 described by Subsection (g).

13 (j) Not later than March ~~[January]~~ 1 of each even-numbered
14 year, the board shall prepare and submit to the governor, the
15 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
16 the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives
17 with responsibility for oversight of health and human services
18 issues, and the Legislative Budget Board a report that:

19 (1) specifies each of the following with respect to
20 the preceding program year:

21 (A) the number of grants awarded under the
22 program;

23 (B) the amount of each grant awarded under the
24 program;

25 (C) the number of residency positions created
26 with the support of grant money;

27 (D) the medical specialty of the residency

1 positions created; and

2 (E) whether physicians who complete their
3 training through residency positions created under the program
4 choose to practice in this state and which medical specialties they
5 choose for their practices; and

6 (2) makes appropriate recommendations for legislative
7 changes as necessary.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.