

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 295  
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 15, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 15, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to tracking career information for graduates of Texas  
1-18 medical schools and persons completing medical residency programs  
1-19 in Texas.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-22 amended by adding Section 61.0906 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 61.0906. TRACKING SYSTEM FOR MEDICAL TRAINING AND  
1-24 PRACTICE CHOICES. (a) The board by rule shall establish a system  
1-25 under which the board acquires and maintains data regarding the  
1-26 initial residency program choices made by graduates of medical  
1-27 schools in this state and the initial practice choices made by  
1-28 persons completing medical residency programs in this state. The  
1-29 tracking system must:

1-30 (1) use any data reasonably available to the board,  
1-31 including data maintained by or accessible to medical schools or  
1-32 residency programs in this state; and

1-33 (2) with respect to a person who completes a medical  
1-34 residency program in this state, collect relevant information for  
1-35 the two-year period following completion of that program.

1-36 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), relevant information  
1-37 includes:

1-38 (1) whether and for how long physicians who complete  
1-39 medical residency programs in this state work in primary care in  
1-40 this state and which medical specialties they report as their  
1-41 primary medical practice; and

1-42 (2) the locations of the practices established by  
1-43 those persons.

1-44 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
1-45 date of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
1-46 shall adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the  
1-47 tracking system established under Section 61.0906, Education Code,  
1-48 as added by this Act. The board may adopt the initial rules in the  
1-49 manner provided by law for emergency rules.

1-50 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Texas Higher  
1-51 Education Coordinating Board shall establish the tracking system  
1-52 required by Section 61.0906, Education Code, as added by this Act.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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