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H.B. No. 123

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to performance incentive funding for certain medical schools based on public health impact.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0597 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0597. MEDICAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING. (a) In this section, "medical school" means a medical school that is part of The University of Texas System, the Texas Tech University System, The Texas A&M University System, or the University of North Texas System, or the Baylor College of Medicine.

(b) In consultation with the Health and Human Services Commission, the board with the assistance of the advisory committee appointed under Subsection (e) biennially shall develop a plan for distributing performance incentive funds appropriated for that purpose for the next state fiscal biennium to medical schools based on each medical school's success in improving the delivery of health services and improving health conditions of persons in the service region of the medical school.

(c) A plan developed under this section must:

(1) define the geographic service region for each medical school so that all the territory of this state is included in a service region; and

1 (2) include recommendations for the performance
2 measures and related formulas on which distributions to medical
3 schools of any performance incentive funds appropriated by the
4 legislature for the next state fiscal biennium would be based.

5 (d) In defining the service region for a medical school
6 under Subsection (c)(1), the board:

7 (1) shall attempt to include areas that:

8 (A) are in geographic proximity to the medical
9 school; and

10 (B) benefit from being served by the medical
11 school; and

12 (2) may establish a single region for two or more
13 medical schools if the board determines that the medical schools
14 serve primarily the same areas.

15 (e) The board shall establish an advisory committee to
16 assist the board in administering this section. Membership on the
17 committee must:

18 (1) to the greatest extent practicable, reflect a
19 balanced representation of:

20 (A) the geographic regions of this state; and

21 (B) municipalities and counties in this state of
22 high, medium, and low population; and

23 (2) include:

24 (A) members appointed by the governor,
25 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives;

26 (B) members who are medical professionals,
27 including nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health providers,

1 pediatricians, primary care physicians, and public school nurses;
2 and

3 (C) members who represent the interests of senior
4 citizens, veterans, children, the adult criminal justice and
5 juvenile justice communities, the health insurance industry, the
6 health care free market, public and private hospitals, and
7 charitable foundations with a presence in health care.

8 (f) The chair of each standing legislative committee with
9 primary jurisdiction over criminal justice, juvenile justice,
10 public health, appropriations, health and human services, county
11 affairs, or higher education, as determined by the presiding
12 officer of each house, serves as an ex officio member of the
13 advisory committee appointed under Subsection (e).

14 (g) The members of the advisory committee appointed under
15 Subsection (e) serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
16 by the board for actual expenses incurred in the performance of
17 duties as members of the committee.

18 (h) Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year,
19 the board shall submit the plan developed for the next state fiscal
20 biennium under this section to the legislature. The legislature
21 may appropriate performance incentive funds for distribution to
22 medical schools for the next fiscal biennium based on the plan.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.