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S.B. No. 1066

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to meeting the graduate medical education needs of new medical degree programs offered by public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.05122 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.05122. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR NEW MEDICAL DEGREE PROGRAMS. (a) In this section, "graduate medical education program" has the meaning assigned by Section 58A.001.

(b) As soon as practicable after an institution of higher education completes preliminary planning for a new doctor of medicine (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree program, the institution promptly shall provide to the board a specific plan regarding the addition of first-year residency positions for the graduate medical education program to be offered in connection with the new degree program. The plan must propose an increase in the number of those first-year residency positions that, when combined with the total number of existing first-year residency positions in this state, will be sufficient to reasonably accommodate the number of anticipated graduates from all doctor of medicine (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree programs that are offered in this state, including the degree

1 program proposed by the institution, and to provide adequate  
2 opportunity for those graduates to remain in this state for the  
3 clinical portion of their education.

4 (c) Submission of a plan described by this section is a  
5 prerequisite for the board's approval of the proposed degree  
6 program.

7 (d) An institution's projected increase in first-year  
8 residency positions is presumed to be sufficient in its plan if the  
9 increase will achieve the purposes of this section with respect to  
10 all graduates from degree programs described by this section that  
11 are offered or will be offered by the institution.

12 (e) The institution may consult with the board as necessary  
13 to develop the plan required by this section.

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