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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Oliverson

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) Add the following appropriately numbered provision
3 following the Article III appropriations to the Higher Education
4 Coordinating Board (page III-51):

5 _____. Dental Education Loan Repayment Program. (a) The
6 amount of \$400,000 is appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund
7 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the state fiscal
8 year ending August 31, 2020, for the purpose of providing repayment
9 of eligible student loans in accordance with Subchapter V, Chapter
10 61, Education Code, to not more than 10 dentists who meet the
11 requirements of that subchapter, including practicing in a county
12 with a population of less than 50,000 and wholly located in a
13 federally designated dental health care health professional
14 shortage area, practicing in a facility federally designated as a
15 dental health care health professional shortage area and located in
16 a county with a population of less than 50,000, and providing
17 services to a population federally designated as a dental health
18 care health professional shortage area and residing in a county
19 with a population of less than 50,000, and the additional amount of
20 \$400,000 is appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund to the
21 Higher Education Coordinating Board for the state fiscal year
22 ending August 31, 2021, for the same purposes.

23 (b) The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall:

24 (1) provide to each dentist who meets the requirements
25 to receive funds under Subsection (a) loan repayment assistance in
26 an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the state fiscal year ending
27 August 31, 2020, and \$40,000 for the state fiscal year ending August
28 31, 2021; and

29 (2) for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2021,

1 give priority in granting loan repayment assistance under
2 Subchapter V, Chapter 61, Education Code, to a dentist who received
3 loan repayment assistance under that subchapter for the state
4 fiscal year ending August 31, 2020.

5 (c) The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall include
6 in its annual report to the legislature on financial aid in this
7 state the results of a survey regarding the rates of retention in
8 federally designated dental health care health professional
9 shortage areas for dentists who have completed a Dental Education
10 Loan Repayment Program application in which the dentist agreed to
11 practice in such a shortage area.

12 (2) Reduce the appropriations made by the Act from the
13 General Revenue Fund for all programs and agencies proportionately
14 for a total reduction of \$800,000 for the state fiscal biennium
15 ending August 31, 2021.

16 (3) Adjust totals and methods of financing accordingly.