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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

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

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

(1)  shall attempt to include areas that:

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

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

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

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

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

(A)  the geographic regions of this state; and

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

(2)  include:

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

(B)  members who are medical professionals, including nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health providers, pediatricians, primary care physicians, and public school nurses; and

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.