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S.B. No. 134

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the participation of the medical school at The  
3 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in the Joint Admission  
4 Medical Program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [51.821\(4\)](#), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (4) "Participating medical school" means each of the  
9 following entities:

10 (A) the medical school at The University of Texas  
11 Health Science Center at Houston;

12 (B) the medical school at The University of Texas  
13 Southwestern Medical Center;

14 (C) the medical school at The University of Texas  
15 Health Science Center at San Antonio;

16 (D) the medical school at The University of Texas  
17 Medical Branch at Galveston;

18 (E) the medical school at the Texas Tech  
19 University Health Sciences Center at Lubbock;

20 (F) the medical school at the Texas Tech  
21 University Health Sciences Center at El Paso;

22 (G) the Baylor College of Medicine;

23 (H) the college of osteopathic medicine at the  
24 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth;

1 [~~and~~]

2 (I) the medical school at The Texas A&M  
3 University System Health Science Center; and

4 (J) the medical school at The University of Texas  
5 Rio Grande Valley.

6 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
7 date of this Act, the medical school at The University of Texas Rio  
8 Grande Valley shall:

9 (1) enter into the agreement with the Joint Admission  
10 Medical Program Council required by Section 51.829, Education Code;  
11 and

12 (2) select an appropriate faculty member to represent  
13 the medical school on the council.

14 (b) The medical school shall provide internships and  
15 mentoring under the Joint Admission Medical Program as appropriate  
16 beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, but is not required  
17 before the 2022-2023 academic year to admit participating students  
18 to the medical school under the program.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.