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S.B. No. 479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the inclusion in the definition of a medical and dental
3 unit of the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin
4 and the School of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande
5 Valley and the participation of those schools in certain programs
6 and funding.

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

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

10 (4) "Participating medical school" means each of the
11 following entities:

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

14 (B) the medical school at The University of Texas
15 Southwestern Medical Center;

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

18 (D) the medical school at The University of Texas
19 Medical Branch at Galveston;

20 (E) the medical school at the Texas Tech
21 University Health Sciences Center at Lubbock;

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

24 (G) the Baylor College of Medicine;

1 (H) the college of osteopathic medicine at the
2 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth;
3 [~~and~~]

4 (I) the medical school at The Texas A&M
5 University System Health Science Center;

6 (J) the medical school at The University of Texas
7 at Austin; and

8 (K) the medical school at The University of Texas
9 Rio Grande Valley.

10 SECTION 2. Section 61.003(5), Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (5) "Medical and dental unit" means The Texas A&M
13 University System Health Science Center and its component
14 institutions, agencies, and programs; the Texas Tech University
15 Health Sciences Center; the Texas Tech University Health Sciences
16 Center at El Paso; The University of Texas Medical Branch at
17 Galveston; The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; The
18 University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio; The University
19 of Texas Dental Branch at Houston; The University of Texas M. D.
20 Anderson Cancer Center; The University of Texas Graduate School of
21 Biomedical Sciences at Houston; The University of Texas Dental
22 School at San Antonio; The University of Texas Medical School at
23 Houston; the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at
24 Austin; the School of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande
25 Valley [~~The University of Texas Health Science Center -- South Texas~~
26 ~~and its component institutions, if established under Subchapter N,~~
27 ~~Chapter 74~~]; the nursing institutions of The Texas A&M University

1 System and The University of Texas System; and The University of
2 Texas School of Public Health at Houston; and such other medical or
3 dental schools as may be established by statute or as provided in
4 this chapter.

5 SECTION 3. Section 63.002(c), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) The amount available for distribution from the fund may
8 be appropriated only for programs that benefit medical research,
9 health education, or treatment programs at the following
10 health-related institutions of higher education:

11 (1) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
12 San Antonio;

13 (2) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer
14 Center;

15 (3) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical
16 Center;

17 (4) The University of Texas Medical Branch at
18 Galveston;

19 (5) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
20 Houston;

21 (6) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
22 Tyler;

23 (7) The University of Texas Health Science
24 Center--South Texas and its component institutions, if established
25 under Subchapter N, Chapter 74;

26 (8) The Texas A&M University Health Science Center;

27 (9) the University of North Texas Health Science

1 Center at Fort Worth;

2 (10) the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center;

3 (11) the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
4 at El Paso; ~~and~~

5 (12) the Dell Medical School at The University of
6 Texas at Austin;

7 (13) the School of Medicine at The University of Texas
8 Rio Grande Valley; and

9 (14) Baylor College of Medicine, if a contract between
10 Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Higher Education
11 Coordinating Board is in effect under Section 61.092.

12 SECTION 4. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
13 date of this Act, the medical schools at The University of Texas at
14 Austin and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley each shall:

15 (1) enter into the agreement with the Joint Admission
16 Medical Program Council required by Section 51.829, Education Code;
17 and

18 (2) select an appropriate faculty member to represent
19 the respective medical school on the council.

20 (b) The medical schools at The University of Texas at Austin
21 and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley each shall provide
22 internships and mentoring under the Joint Admission Medical Program
23 as appropriate beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, but are
24 not required before the 2022-2023 academic year to admit
25 participating students to the medical schools under the program.

26 SECTION 5. The Dell Medical School at The University of
27 Texas at Austin and the School of Medicine at The University of

1 Texas Rio Grande Valley are eligible to receive funding under
2 Subchapter A, Chapter 63, Education Code, beginning with
3 allocations for the state fiscal year that begins September 1,
4 2019.

5 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.