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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the University of Houston College of  
Medicine at the University of Houston.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 111, Education Code, is amended by  
adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Sec. 111.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of regents of the  
University of Houston System.

(2) "College" means the University of Houston College  
of Medicine established under this subchapter.

Sec. 111.152. THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF  
MEDICINE. The University of Houston College of Medicine is a  
college of the University of Houston and is under the management and  
control of the board with degrees offered under the name and  
authority of the University of Houston.

Sec. 111.153. COURSES AND DEGREES. The board may prescribe  
courses leading to customary degrees and may adopt rules for the  
operation, control, and management of the college as necessary for  
conducting a college of medicine of the first class.

Sec. 111.154. AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS. The dean of the  
college, on behalf of the board, may execute and carry out an  
affiliation or coordinating agreement with any other entity or

1 institution in the college's region.

2 Sec. 111.155. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The board may solicit,  
3 accept, and administer gifts and grants from any public or private  
4 source for the use and benefit of the college.

5 Sec. 111.156. OTHER FACILITIES. In addition to the  
6 college's facilities, the board may enter into agreements under  
7 which additional facilities used in the college's teaching and  
8 research programs, including libraries, auditoriums, research  
9 facilities, and medical education buildings, may be provided by a  
10 public or private entity.

11 Sec. 111.157. TEACHING HOSPITAL. A teaching hospital  
12 considered suitable by the board may be provided by a public or  
13 private entity. The hospital may not be constructed, maintained, or  
14 operated with state funds.

15 Sec. 111.158. ACCOUNTABILITY INFORMATION. Not later than  
16 October 1 of each year, the college shall post on the college's  
17 Internet website the following information regarding students  
18 enrolled at the college:

19 (1) the percentage of students from groups that are  
20 underrepresented in the practice of medicine, such as students from  
21 racial or ethnic minority groups or students from an economically  
22 disadvantaged background;

23 (2) the percentage of students who enroll in  
24 coursework indicating a student focus in primary care or mental  
25 health care; and

26 (3) whether the college has implemented a mandatory  
27 clerkship or internship that requires each student to spend:

1           (A) not less than 60 days in a medically  
2 underserved area during the student's enrollment, with priority  
3 given to areas within a 10-mile radius of the college; and

4           (B) not less than an average of four hours each  
5 week over a four-year period during the student's enrollment  
6 serving in a primary health care clinic, such as a federally  
7 qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section  
8 1396d(1)(2)(B), in Harris County or a county that is adjacent to  
9 Harris County.

10           SECTION 2. Sections 59.01(1) and (3), Education Code, are  
11 amended to read as follows:

12           (1) "Medical staff or students" means medical doctors,  
13 doctors of osteopathy, dentists, veterinarians, and podiatrists  
14 appointed to the faculty or professional medical staff employed for  
15 student health services by The University of Texas System, The  
16 Texas A&M University System, the Texas Tech University System, the  
17 University of Houston College of Medicine, or the University of  
18 North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, either full time or  
19 who, although appointed less than full time (including volunteers),  
20 either devote their total professional service to such appointment  
21 or provide services to patients by assignment from the department  
22 chairman; and interns, residents, fellows, and medical or dental  
23 students, veterinary students, and students of osteopathy  
24 participating in a patient-care program in The University of Texas  
25 System, The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Tech University  
26 System, the University of Houston College of Medicine, or the  
27 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

1           (3) "Board" means the board of regents of The  
2 University of Texas System, the board of regents of The Texas A&M  
3 University System, the board of regents of the Texas Tech  
4 University System, the board of regents of the University of  
5 Houston System, or the board of regents of the University of North  
6 Texas.

7           SECTION 3. Sections 59.02(a) and (c), Education Code, are  
8 amended to read as follows:

9           (a) Each board may establish a separate self-insurance fund  
10 to pay any damages adjudged in a court of competent jurisdiction or  
11 a settlement of any medical malpractice claim against a member of  
12 the medical staff or students arising from the exercise of the  
13 member's [~~his~~] appointment, duties, or training with The University  
14 of Texas System, The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Tech  
15 University System, the University of Houston College of Medicine,  
16 or the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort  
17 Worth.

18           (c) On the establishment of each fund, transfers to the fund  
19 shall be made in an amount and at such intervals as determined by  
20 the board. Each board may receive and accept any gifts or  
21 donations specified for the purposes of this subchapter and deposit  
22 those gifts or donations into the fund. Each board may invest  
23 money deposited in the fund, and any income received shall be  
24 retained in the fund. The money shall be deposited in any of the  
25 approved depository banks of The University of Texas System, The  
26 Texas A&M University System, the Texas Tech University System, the  
27 University of Houston System, or the University of North Texas

1 Health Science Center at Fort Worth. All expenditures from the  
2 funds shall be paid pursuant to approval by the boards.

3 SECTION 4. Section 59.06, Education Code, is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 59.06. LIMITATION ON APPROPRIATED FUNDS. Funds  
6 appropriated by the legislature to either system, to the Texas Tech  
7 University Health Sciences Center, to the Texas Tech University  
8 Health Sciences Center at El Paso, to the University of Houston for  
9 the University of Houston College of Medicine, or to the University  
10 of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth from the General  
11 Revenue Fund may not be used to establish or maintain the fund, to  
12 purchase insurance, or to employ private legal counsel.

13 SECTION 5. Section 61.003(5), Education Code, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (5) "Medical and dental unit" means The Texas A&M  
16 University System Health Science Center and its component  
17 institutions, agencies, and programs; the Texas Tech University  
18 Health Sciences Center; the Texas Tech University Health Sciences  
19 Center at El Paso; the University of Houston College of Medicine;  
20 The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; The University  
21 of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; The University of Texas  
22 Medical School at San Antonio; The University of Texas Dental  
23 Branch at Houston; The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
24 Center; The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical  
25 Sciences at Houston; The University of Texas Dental School at San  
26 Antonio; The University of Texas Medical School at Houston; The  
27 University of Texas Health Science Center--South Texas and its

1 component institutions, if established under Subchapter N, Chapter  
2 74; the nursing institutions of The Texas A&M University System and  
3 The University of Texas System; and The University of Texas School  
4 of Public Health at Houston; and such other medical or dental  
5 schools as may be established by statute or as provided in this  
6 chapter.

7 SECTION 6. Section 61.501(1), Education Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) "Medical school" means the medical school at The  
10 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, the medical  
11 school at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, the  
12 medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
13 San Antonio, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston,  
14 the medical school at The University of Texas at Austin, the medical  
15 school at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, the medical  
16 education program of The University of Texas Health Science Center  
17 at Tyler, the medical school at the Texas Tech University Health  
18 Sciences Center, the medical school at the Texas Tech University  
19 Health Sciences Center at El Paso, the University of Houston  
20 College of Medicine, the Baylor College of Medicine, the college of  
21 osteopathic medicine at the University of North Texas Health  
22 Science Center at Fort Worth, or the medical school at the Texas A&M  
23 University Health Science Center.

24 SECTION 7. Section 63.002(c), Education Code, is amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (c) The amount available for distribution from the fund may  
27 be appropriated only for programs that benefit medical research,

1 health education, or treatment programs at the following  
2 health-related institutions of higher education:

3 (1) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
4 San Antonio;

5 (2) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
6 Center;

7 (3) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
8 Center;

9 (4) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
10 Galveston;

11 (5) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
12 Houston;

13 (6) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
14 Tyler;

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

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

19 (9) the University of North Texas Health Science  
20 Center at Fort Worth;

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

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

24 (12) the University of Houston College of Medicine;  
25 and

26 (13) Baylor College of Medicine, if a contract between  
27 Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Higher Education

1 Coordinating Board is in effect under Section 61.092.

2 SECTION 8. Not later than October 1, 2020, the University of  
3 Houston College of Medicine shall post on the college's Internet  
4 website the initial information required under Section 111.158,  
5 Education Code, as added by this Act.

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