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(Allison)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of out-of-state physicians who practiced in this state during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

SECTION 1.  DEFINITION. In this Act, "board" means the Texas Medical Board.

SECTION 2.  STUDY. (a) The board shall conduct a study regarding out-of-state physicians who practiced medicine in this state during the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to board rules providing for the waiver of licensing requirements during disasters and emergencies.

(b)  In conducting the study, the board shall solicit and consider information from hospitals and sponsoring physicians in this state, as applicable, regarding the performance of a physician described by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 3.  REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the board shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing committee of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over the board, a written report that includes a summary of the study and any legislative recommendations based on the study.

SECTION 4.  EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

SECTION 5.  EFFECTIVE DATE. 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, 2021.