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.

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