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S.B. No. 1251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to authorizing certain joint graduate degree programs
3 between The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
4 and The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 73.102(b), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) If the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
9 determines that the role and mission of the institution should be
10 changed to include degree-granting authority, the board of regents
11 may:

12 (1) prescribe courses and conduct allied health
13 professional degree programs related to the purposes of the
14 institution described by Subsection (a); and

15 (2) jointly prescribe courses and jointly conduct
16 graduate programs at the master's and doctoral levels related to
17 those purposes with:

18 (A) The University of Texas Health Science Center
19 at Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; and

20 (B) The University of Texas Health Science Center
21 at Houston, with respect to graduate programs separately
22 established at the health science center and related to the broad
23 fields encompassed in population and public health.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.