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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that certain students, interns, residents, and fellows receiving a clinical education at public or nonprofit hospitals receive time off to undergo an annual comprehensive health examination.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 312.004(d), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d)  Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the [~~The~~] contracting parties may determine the terms of and the consideration for a contract authorized under this section.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 312, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 312.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 312.0045.  REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISION: TIME OFF FOR HEALTH EXAMINATION. A contract under Section 312.004 must require a public or nonprofit hospital to provide each student, intern, resident, and fellow who is enrolled at a contracting medical or dental unit or supported medical or dental school and who is receiving a clinical education at the public or nonprofit hospital at least six consecutive hours of time off each year to undergo a comprehensive health examination. The public or nonprofit hospital at which the student, intern, resident, or fellow is receiving the clinical education must offer to provide the examination at no charge. A public or nonprofit hospital may not reduce the amount of the compensation paid by the hospital to the student, intern, resident, or fellow, if any, for time off taken for the examination.

SECTION 3.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.