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By:  Wilson H.B. No. 3790

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3790:

By:  Clardy C.S.H.B. No. 3790

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of scholarships by private or independent institutions of higher education under the Joint Admission Medical Program.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 51.831, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.831.  COUNCIL AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Each private or independent institution of higher education must enter into an agreement with the council under which the institution agrees to:

(1)  provide academic counseling to a participating student or program alternate enrolled at the institution;

(2)  as soon as practicable, implement or expand appropriate degree programs as necessary to provide participating students with sufficient preparation for enrollment in participating medical schools;

(3)  select a faculty director or an academic or health professions advisor to assist in implementing the program at the institution and in implementing or expanding the institution's degree programs as necessary under Subdivision (2); and

(4)  provide, in addition to any other scholarship money awarded to the student, a scholarship to a participating student in the amount required for a participating student attending a general academic teaching institution, except that [~~but not to exceed~~] the amount of scholarship awards may not exceed the amount of tuition and fees that the student is charged.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies to the provision of scholarships pursuant to an agreement under Section 51.831, Education Code, as amended by this Act, beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.