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H.B. No. 2594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring training in the importance of mental and physical health as a requisite for certain medical degrees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.312 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.312. MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH TRAINING REQUIRED.

(a) In this section, "medical school" means:

(1) a medical school as defined by Section 61.501; and

(2) any other institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, or school, department, or college of such an institution, that awards medical degrees.

(b) Each medical school shall include training regarding the importance of student, resident, and physician mental and physical health in the curriculum required for a medical degree.

(c) This section does not apply to the requirements for the degree program of a student who entered the degree program at a medical school before the 2024 fall semester. This subsection expires January 1, 2030.

SECTION 2. 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, 2023.