

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 1998 authorizes the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to contract with one or more organizations to establish and operate a statewide pediatric subspecialty preceptorship program for medical students in Texas. To qualify for funding, an organization must be either a nonprofit or affiliated with a state-accredited medical school. Medical students must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in a pediatric subspecialty to be eligible for the program.

S.B. 1998 amends current law relating to a preceptorship program in a pediatric subspecialty for medical students in this state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 58, Education Code, by adding Section 58.011, as follows:

Sec. 58.011. STATEWIDE PEDIATRIC SUBSPECIALTY PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM. (a) Defines "medical school" and "pediatric subspecialty."

(b) Authorizes the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to contract with one or more organizations to operate a statewide pediatric subspecialty preceptorship program for medical students enrolled in Texas medical schools.

(c) Requires an organization eligible to receive funds under this section to qualify for exemption from federal income tax under Section 501, Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501), or be operated by a state accredited medical school.

(d) Requires students eligible to participate in the preceptorship program under this section to indicate an interest in a career in a pediatric subspecialty.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2025–2026 academic year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2025.