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H.B. No. 2856

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the feasibility of implementing a statewide system for coordinating clinical training placements.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.09012 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.09012. STUDY ON CLINICAL TRAINING PLACEMENTS FOR STUDENTS. (a) The board shall conduct a study on the feasibility of developing regional portals to assist in reserving clinical rotations at health care facilities for students enrolled in institutions of higher education who require clinical training.

(b) The study must determine:

(1) the number of regions needed to adequately support institutions of higher education and students that require clinical training;

(2) the cost of establishing regional portals; and

(3) the necessary maintenance, support, and staff required to establish and maintain the regional portals.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the board shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chair of each standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education a written report that includes the study's findings and any recommendations for

1 legislative or other action.

2 (d) This section expires September 1, 2027.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.