

1-1 By: Howard (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2856
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
 1-3 April 30, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education K-16; May 16, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 16, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
 1-22 Board on the feasibility of implementing a statewide system for
 1-23 coordinating clinical training placements.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 61.09012 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 61.09012. STUDY ON CLINICAL TRAINING PLACEMENTS FOR
 1-28 STUDENTS. (a) The board shall conduct a study on the feasibility
 1-29 of developing regional portals to assist in reserving clinical
 1-30 rotations at health care facilities for students enrolled in
 1-31 institutions of higher education who require clinical training.

1-32 (b) The study must determine:

1-33 (1) the number of regions needed to adequately support
 1-34 institutions of higher education and students that require clinical
 1-35 training;

1-36 (2) the cost of establishing regional portals; and

1-37 (3) the necessary maintenance, support, and staff
 1-38 required to establish and maintain the regional portals.

1-39 (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the board shall submit
 1-40 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house
 1-41 of representatives, and the chair of each standing committee with
 1-42 primary jurisdiction over higher education a written report that
 1-43 includes the study's findings and any recommendations for
 1-44 legislative or other action.

1-45 (d) This section expires September 1, 2027.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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