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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of the Tarleton State University College  
3 of Osteopathic Medicine.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 87, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 87.005 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 87.005. TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF  
8 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE. (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Board" means the board of regents of The Texas A&M  
10 University System.

11 (2) "College" means the Tarleton State University  
12 College of Osteopathic Medicine established under this section.

13 (3) "University" means Tarleton State University.

14 (b) The Tarleton State University College of Osteopathic  
15 Medicine is a college of the university and is under the management  
16 and control of the board with degrees offered under the name and  
17 authority of the university.

18 (c) The board may prescribe courses leading to customary  
19 degrees and may adopt policies for the operation, control, and  
20 management of the college as necessary for conducting a college of  
21 osteopathic medicine of the first class.

22 (d) A teaching hospital considered suitable by the board may  
23 be provided by a public or private entity.

24 SECTION 2. Section 61.003(5), Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 (5) "Medical and dental unit" means The Texas A&M  
3 University System Health Science Center and its component  
4 institutions, agencies, and programs; the Texas Tech University  
5 Health Sciences Center; the Texas Tech University Health Sciences  
6 Center at El Paso; the University of Houston College of Medicine;  
7 the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine;  
8 The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; The University  
9 of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; The University of Texas  
10 Medical School at San Antonio; The University of Texas Dental  
11 Branch at Houston; The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
12 Center; The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical  
13 Sciences at Houston; The University of Texas Dental School at San  
14 Antonio; The University of Texas Medical School at Houston; the  
15 Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin; the School  
16 of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; the  
17 nursing institutions of The Texas A&M University System and The  
18 University of Texas System; the Tarleton State University College  
19 of Osteopathic Medicine; and The University of Texas School of  
20 Public Health at Houston; and such other medical or dental schools  
21 as may be established by statute or as provided in this chapter.

22 SECTION 3. Section 61.501(1), Education Code, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) "Medical school" means the medical school at The  
25 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, the medical  
26 school at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, the  
27 medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at

1 San Antonio, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston,  
2 the medical school at The University of Texas at Austin, the medical  
3 school at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, the medical  
4 education program of The University of Texas Health Science Center  
5 at Tyler, the medical school at the Texas Tech University Health  
6 Sciences Center, the medical school at the Texas Tech University  
7 Health Sciences Center at El Paso, the Sam Houston State University  
8 College of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of Houston College  
9 of Medicine, the Baylor College of Medicine, the college of  
10 osteopathic medicine at the University of North Texas Health  
11 Science Center at Fort Worth, the Tarleton State University College  
12 of Osteopathic Medicine, or the medical school at the Texas A&M  
13 University Health Science Center.

14 SECTION 4. Section 63.002(c), Education Code, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (c) The amount available for distribution from the fund may  
17 be appropriated only for programs that benefit medical research,  
18 health education, or treatment programs at the following  
19 health-related institutions of higher education:

20 (1) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
21 San Antonio;

22 (2) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
23 Center;

24 (3) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
25 Center;

26 (4) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
27 Galveston;

1           (5) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
2 Houston;

3           (6) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
4 Tyler;

5           (7) The University of Texas Health Science  
6 Center--South Texas and its component institutions, if established  
7 under Subchapter N, Chapter 74;

8           (8) The Texas A&M University Health Science Center;

9           (9) the University of North Texas Health Science  
10 Center at Fort Worth;

11           (10) the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center;

12           (11) the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
13 at El Paso;

14           (12) the University of Houston College of Medicine;

15           (13) the Sam Houston State University College of  
16 Osteopathic Medicine;

17           (14) the Dell Medical School at The University of  
18 Texas at Austin;

19           (15) the Tarleton State University College of  
20 Osteopathic Medicine; and

21           (16) [~~(15)~~] Baylor College of Medicine, if a contract  
22 between Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Higher Education  
23 Coordinating Board is in effect under Section 61.092.

24           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.