

1-1 By: Huffman, Eckhardt S.B. No. 1998
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
 1-4 April 16, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 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 preceptorship program in a pediatric subspecialty for
 1-22 medical students in this state.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 58, Education Code, is amended by adding
 1-25 Section 58.011 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 58.011. STATEWIDE PEDIATRIC SUBSPECIALTY
 1-27 PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

1-28 (1) "Medical school" has the meaning assigned by
 1-29 Section 61.501(1), except that the term also includes the school of
 1-30 osteopathic medicine at the University of the Incarnate Word.

1-31 (2) "Pediatric subspecialty" means a pediatric
 1-32 medical subspecialty certification offered by a member board of the
 1-33 American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic
 1-34 Association.

1-35 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may
 1-36 contract with one or more organizations to operate a statewide
 1-37 pediatric subspecialty preceptorship program for medical students
 1-38 enrolled in Texas medical schools.

1-39 (c) An organization eligible to receive funds under this
 1-40 section must:

1-41 (1) qualify for exemption from federal income tax
 1-42 under Section 501, Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section
 1-43 501); or

1-44 (2) be operated by a state accredited medical school.

1-45 (d) Students eligible to participate in the preceptorship
 1-46 program under this section must indicate an interest in a career in
 1-47 a pediatric subspecialty.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
 1-49 academic year.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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