By: Richardson H.B. No. 523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to medical school training and continuing education for physicians on the identification and treatment of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.312 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.312. EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME TRAINING REQUIRED. (a) In this section, "medical school" means:

(1) a medical school as defined by Section 61.501; and

(2) any other institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, or school, department, or college of such an institution, that awards medical degrees.

(b) Each medical school shall include training regarding identifying and treating Ehlers-Danlos syndrome in the curriculum required for a medical degree.

(c) This section does not apply to the requirements for the degree program of a student who entered the degree program at a medical school before the 2028 fall semester. This subsection expires January 1, 2034.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 156, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 156.062 to read as follows:

Sec. 156.062. CONTINUING EDUCATION ON EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME. (a) A physician licensed under this subtitle who submits

an application for renewal of a license to practice medicine must complete, in accordance with this section and rules adopted under this section, continuing medical education regarding the identification of and treatment for Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

(b) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules must prescribe:

(1) the number of hours of the continuing medical education required by this section; and

(2) the content of the continuing medical education required by this section.

SECTION 3. (a) Section 156.062, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for license renewal filed on or after January 1, 2029. An application for license renewal filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) Not later than December 31, 2028, the Texas Medical Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 156.062, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.