

CHAPTER 854

S.B. No. 1344

An Act relating to medical malpractice coverage for certain institutions; defining medical staff or students; amending Subdivision (1), Section 59.01, Education Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 59.01, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(1) ‘Medical staff or students’ means medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, dentists, and podiatrists appointed to the faculty or *professional medical staff employed for student health services* by The University of Texas System, The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Tech University School of Medicine, or the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, either full time or who, although appointed less than full time (including volunteers), either devote their total professional service to such appointment or provide services to patients by assignment from the department chairman; and interns, residents, fellows, and medical or dental students, and students of osteopathy participating in a patient-care program in The University of Texas System, The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Tech University School of Medicine, or the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.”

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 25, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985