

CHAPTER 665

S.B. No. 426

AN ACT

relating to family practice residency training pilot programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.506 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.506. FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY TRAINING PILOT PROGRAMS. (a) The Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee and a statewide advisory committee established by the Texas Board of Health under Section 31.017, Health and Safety Code, shall work together to enhance approved family practice residency programs and to establish three pilot programs to provide a major source of indigent health care and also to train family practice resident physicians.

(b) Each of the three pilot programs must be located in an area that reflects the diversity of this state.

(c) An approved family practice residency program that wants to participate in or sponsor a pilot program must make a proposal to the advisory committees.

(d) The advisory committees shall review all proposals submitted under Subsection (c) of this section and shall recommend to the board approved family practice residency programs to participate in or sponsor pilot programs.

(e) The board shall select approved family practice residency programs to participate in or sponsor pilot programs on the basis of each program's commitment to indigent health care and to training family practice resident physicians.

(f) The advisory committees shall use the financial reports, audits, and performance evaluations currently required under this subchapter and under Section 31.015, Health and Safety Code, to assess annually the financial feasibility and effective performance of the pilot programs. The advisory committees may require additional reports as necessary.

(g) The advisory committees shall send copies of their annual assessment of the pilot programs to the comptroller and the state auditor for review.

(h) If the advisory committees determine that a pilot program is not financially feasible or that it does not perform effectively, the advisory committees shall recommend to the board discontinuation of funding for the pilot program.

SECTION 2. Not later than February 1, 1995, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report to each house of the 74th Legislature on the allocation of funds to the pilot programs established under Section 61.506, Education Code, and on the progress of those programs in training family practice resident physicians and in providing indigent health care.

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 8, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 19, 1993, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 22, 1993, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 1993, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 18, 1993: Yeas 146, Nays 0, one present not voting; May 22, 1993, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1993, House adopted Conference Committee Report by a non-record vote.

Approved June 15, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.