

AN ACT

relating to the administration of and eligibility for the Joint Admissions Medical Program.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 51.826, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible for admission to the program or for selection as a program alternate, an undergraduate student must:

(1) ~~[have enrolled at an institution of higher education not later than the first fall semester following the student's graduation from high school];~~

~~[(2)]~~ be enrolled at a general academic teaching institution or a private or independent institution of higher education at the time of application to the program;

(2) ~~[(3)]~~ be a Texas resident for purposes of tuition under Subchapter B, Chapter 54;

(3) ~~[(4)]~~ except as provided by Subsection (c), successfully complete at least 27 semester credit hours during the student's freshman year;

(4) ~~[(5)]~~ apply for admission to the program not later than a date, as designated by the council, that occurs during the fall semester

of the student's sophomore year at the general academic teaching institution or the private or independent institution of higher education; and

(5) [~~6~~] meet criteria established by the council regarding:

(A) minimum high school and undergraduate grade point averages;

(B) financial need and any other indication of economic disadvantage; and

(C) any other matter the council considers appropriate.

SECTION 2. Subdivision (4), Section 51.821, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Participating medical school" means each of the following entities:

(A) the medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston;

(B) the medical school at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas;

(C) the medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio;

(D) the medical school at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston;

(E) the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Lubbock;

(F) the medical school at Texas Tech University Health

Sciences Center at El Paso;

(G) the Baylor College of Medicine;

(H) [~~G~~] the college of osteopathic medicine at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth; and

(I) [~~H~~] the medical school at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.

SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:

(1) Subsection (b), Section 51.823, Education Code; and

(2) Subsection (c), Section 51.8265, Education Code.

SECTION 4. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso shall:

(1) enter into the agreement with the Joint Admission Medical Program Council required by Section 51.829, Education Code; and

(2) select an appropriate faculty member to represent the medical school on the council.

(b) The medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso shall provide internships and mentoring under the Joint Admission Medical Program as appropriate beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year, but is not required before the 2012-2013 academic year to admit participating students to the medical school under the program.

SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 51.826 and 51.8265, Education Code, apply beginning with applicants for

admission to the Joint Admission Medical Program during the 2009-2010 academic year.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1728 passed the Senate on April 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1728 passed the House on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor