

1-1 By: Schwertner, et al. S.B. No. 1066  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2017; March 6, 2017,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 March 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to meeting the graduate medical education needs of new  
1-18 medical degree programs offered by public institutions of higher  
1-19 education.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-22 amended by adding Section 61.05122 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 61.05122. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR  
1-24 NEW MEDICAL DEGREE PROGRAMS. (a) In this section, "graduate  
1-25 medical education program" has the meaning assigned by Section  
1-26 58A.001.

1-27 (b) As soon as practicable after an institution of higher  
1-28 education completes preliminary planning for a new doctor of  
1-29 medicine (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree  
1-30 program, the institution promptly shall provide to the board a  
1-31 specific plan regarding the addition of first-year residency  
1-32 positions for the graduate medical education program to be offered  
1-33 in connection with the new degree program. The plan must propose an  
1-34 increase in the number of those first-year residency positions  
1-35 that, when combined with the total number of existing first-year  
1-36 residency positions in this state, will be sufficient to reasonably  
1-37 accommodate the number of anticipated graduates from all doctor of  
1-38 medicine (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree  
1-39 programs that are offered in this state, including the degree  
1-40 program proposed by the institution, and to provide adequate  
1-41 opportunity for those graduates to remain in this state for the  
1-42 clinical portion of their education.

1-43 (c) Submission of a plan described by this section is a  
1-44 prerequisite for the board's approval of the proposed degree  
1-45 program.

1-46 (d) An institution's projected increase in first-year  
1-47 residency positions is presumed to be sufficient in its plan if the  
1-48 increase will achieve the purposes of this section with respect to  
1-49 all graduates from degree programs described by this section that  
1-50 are offered or will be offered by the institution.

1-51 (e) The institution may consult with the board as necessary  
1-52 to develop the plan required by this section.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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