

1-1 By: Ortega, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez) H.B. No. 80
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019;
 1-3 April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 2; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study and report regarding shortages in certain
 1-20 health professions.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 61.06691 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 61.06691. STUDY ON SHORTAGES IN CERTAIN HEALTH
 1-25 PROFESSIONS. (a) Subject to the availability of funds, the board
 1-26 shall conduct a study in collaboration with the Texas Health
 1-27 Professions Resource Center, the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce
 1-28 Studies, and the Texas Demographic Center to identify statewide and
 1-29 regional shortages in health professions, with an emphasis on
 1-30 shortages in doctoral-level training in those health professions.
 1-31 Using existing information to the extent possible, the board shall
 1-32 develop an inventory of existing health science education programs
 1-33 at institutions of higher education and private or independent
 1-34 institutions of higher education and note the enrollment capacity
 1-35 for each of those programs. The study must include an analysis of
 1-36 shortages in the following health professions for which
 1-37 doctoral-level training is offered:

1-38 (1) medicine, including a doctor of medicine degree
 1-39 (M.D.) and a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree (D.O.);

1-40 (2) dentistry, including a doctor of dental surgery
 1-41 degree (D.D.S.) and a doctor of dental medicine degree (D.M.D.);

1-42 (3) nursing, including a doctor of philosophy degree
 1-43 and a doctor of nursing practice degree;

1-44 (4) physical therapy, including a doctor of philosophy
 1-45 degree and a doctor of physical therapy degree;

1-46 (5) occupational therapy, including a doctor of
 1-47 philosophy degree and a doctor of occupational therapy degree;

1-48 (6) audiology, including a doctor of philosophy degree
 1-49 and a doctor of audiology degree;

1-50 (7) psychology, including a doctor of philosophy
 1-51 degree and a doctor of psychology degree;

1-52 (8) pharmacy, including a doctor of philosophy degree
 1-53 and a doctor of pharmacy degree;

1-54 (9) public health, including a doctor of philosophy
 1-55 degree and a doctor of public health degree; and

1-56 (10) speech-language pathology, including a doctor of
 1-57 philosophy degree and a doctor of speech-language pathology degree.

1-58 (b) The board shall make recommendations regarding the
 1-59 establishment of new programs and expansion of existing programs to
 1-60 meet the increased need for health professionals in the state,
 1-61 including in particular the increased need for health professionals

2-1 with doctoral-level training who serve rural communities in this
2-2 state.

2-3 (c) Not later than December 1, 2023, the board shall submit
2-4 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house
2-5 of representatives, and each legislative standing committee with
2-6 primary jurisdiction over higher education the results of its study
2-7 under this section and recommendations for legislative or other
2-8 action.

2-9 (d) The board may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and
2-10 donations from any public or private source to conduct the study,
2-11 prepare the report, and develop recommendations as required under
2-12 this section.

2-13 (e) This section expires January 1, 2024.

2-14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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