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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a regenerative medicine registry established by the Texas Regenerative Medicine Coordinating Board.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 156, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 156. REGENERATIVE MEDICINE [~~ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH~~]
PROGRAM

SECTION 2. Sections 156.001(2) and (4), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(2) "Consortium" means the Texas Regenerative Medicine [~~Adult Stem Cell Research~~] Consortium.

(4) "Program" means the regenerative medicine [~~adult stem cell research~~] program established under this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 156.001(5), Education Code, is redesignated as Section 156.001(3-a), Education Code, and amended to read as follows:

(3-a) "Medical [~~(5) "Research~~] coordinating board" means the Texas Regenerative Medicine [~~Adult Stem Cell Research~~] Coordinating Board.

SECTION 4. Section 156.002, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 156.002. COMPOSITION OF MEDICAL [~~RESEARCH~~] COORDINATING BOARD. (a) The Texas Regenerative Medicine [~~Adult~~

1 ~~Stem Cell Research~~] Coordinating Board is composed of seven members
2 appointed as follows:

3 (1) three members who are interested persons,
4 including at least one person who represents an institution of
5 higher education and one person who is a representative of an
6 advocacy organization representing patients, appointed by the
7 governor, with the advice and consent of the senate;

8 (2) two members who are interested persons appointed
9 by the lieutenant governor; and

10 (3) two members who are interested persons appointed
11 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

12 (b) The governor shall designate as the presiding officer of
13 the medical ~~[research]~~ coordinating board a board member appointed
14 under Subsection (a)(1) who represents an institution of higher
15 education. The presiding officer serves in that capacity at the
16 will of the governor.

17 (c) The members of the medical ~~[research]~~ coordinating
18 board serve staggered six-year terms. If a vacancy occurs on the
19 board, the appropriate appointing authority shall appoint, in the
20 same manner as the original appointment, another person to serve
21 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

22 SECTION 5. Sections [156.003](#)(b) and (c), Education Code, are
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (b) A person may not be a member of the medical ~~[research]~~
25 coordinating board if:

26 (1) the person is an officer, employee, or paid
27 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of medicine;

1 (2) the person's spouse is an officer, manager, or paid
2 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of medicine; or

3 (3) the person is a member of the Texas Higher
4 Education Coordinating Board.

5 (c) A person may not be a member of the medical [~~research~~]
6 coordinating board if the person is required to register as a
7 lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code, because of the
8 person's activities for compensation on behalf of a profession
9 related to the operation of the board.

10 SECTION 6. Section 156.004(a), Education Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (a) The medical [~~research~~] coordinating board shall
13 establish the Texas Regenerative Medicine [~~Adult Stem Cell~~
14 ~~Research~~] Consortium.

15 SECTION 7. Section 156.005, Education Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 156.005. ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM; GUIDELINES AND
18 PROCEDURES. (a) The medical [~~research~~] coordinating board shall
19 administer the program to:

20 (1) make grants and loans to consortium members for:

21 (A) adult stem cell research projects, including
22 projects to develop therapies, protocols, or medical procedures
23 involving adult stem cells;

24 (B) the development of facilities to be used
25 solely for adult stem cell research projects; and

26 (C) the commercialization of products or
27 technology involving adult stem cell research and treatments;

1 (2) support consortium members in all stages of the
2 process of developing treatments and cures based on adult stem cell
3 research, beginning with initial laboratory research through
4 successful clinical trials;

5 (3) establish appropriate regulatory standards and
6 oversight bodies for:

7 (A) adult stem cell research conducted by
8 consortium members; and

9 (B) the development of facilities for consortium
10 members conducting adult stem cell research; and

11 (4) assist consortium members in applying for grants
12 or loans under the program.

13 (b) The medical [~~research~~] coordinating board shall develop
14 research priorities, guidelines, and procedures for providing
15 grants and loans for specific research projects conducted by
16 consortium members. The priorities, guidelines, and procedures
17 must require the grants and loans to be made on a competitive, peer
18 review basis.

19 SECTION 8. Chapter 156, Education Code, is amended by
20 adding Section 156.0055 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 156.0055. REGENERATIVE MEDICINE REGISTRY;
22 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. (a) The medical coordinating board shall
23 establish and maintain a regenerative medicine registry that lists
24 health care providers who provide regenerative therapy using stem
25 cells.

26 (b) The Department of State Health Services shall provide
27 administrative support and services to the medical coordinating

1 board as necessary for the board to establish and operate the
2 regenerative medicine registry.

3 SECTION 9. Section 156.006, Education Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 156.006. FUNDING. The program shall be funded by
6 gifts, grants, and donations described by Section 156.007. Except
7 as provided by Section 156.0055, the [The] program may not be funded
8 by legislative appropriations.

9 SECTION 10. Section 156.008, Education Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 156.008. BIENNIAL REPORT. Not later than September 1
12 of each even-numbered year, the medical [~~research~~] coordinating
13 board shall submit a report of the board's activities and
14 recommendations to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
15 and to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
16 house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each
17 legislative standing committee or subcommittee with jurisdiction
18 over higher education.

19 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.