# **BILL ANALYSIS**

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## **DIGEST**

Currently, with the advent of managed care, the Texas health care infrastructure is experiencing a system-wide shift in financing and delivery. Emphasis is being placed on integrating disease prevention and health promotion services into the delivery of health care. A statewide preceptorship program in public health settings would give medical students the opportunity to further understand these issues. This bill would establish a statewide preceptorship program in a public health setting.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2626 establishes a statewide preceptorship program in a public health setting.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

#### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 58, Education Code, by adding Section 58.009, as follows:

Sec. 58.009. STATEWIDE PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC HEALTH SETTINGS. (a) Authorizes the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (board) to contract with one or more organizations to operate a statewide preceptorship program in a public health setting for medical students enrolled in Texas medical schools.

(b) Requires an organization eligible to receive funds under this subsection to qualify for exemption from federal income tax under Section 501, Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501); or be operated by a state accredited medical school as defined in Section 61.501(1).

(c) Requires students eligible to participate in the preceptorship programs under this section to indicate an interest in a career providing primary care.

(d) Authorizes the board to create and appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in the operation of the program.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause. Effective date: upon passage.