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S.B. No. 1009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an undergraduate medical academy at Prairie View A&M University.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 87, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 87.108 to read as follows:

Sec. 87.108. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL ACADEMY. (a) The Prairie View A&M Undergraduate Medical Academy is established at Prairie View A&M University.

(b) The organization, control, and management of the academy is vested in the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

(c) The employment of personnel by and the operating budget of the institute are subject to the approval of the board of regents. An employee of the academy is an employee of Prairie View A&M University.

(d) The purpose of the academy is to prepare students for medical school.

(e) A student is eligible to apply for admission into the academy if the student:

(1) is enrolled in Prairie View A&M University with a major that requires completion of the prescribed core of basic science and mathematics courses needed as a foundation preparation for gaining admission into medical study at an accredited medical

1 school in the United States;

2 (2) has completed at least one year of undergraduate
3 college-level or university-level courses;

4 (3) has demonstrated interest in a medical career; and

5 (4) has met the academic achievement standards
6 established for the academy by the academy's admissions committee
7 in the student's undergraduate courses.

8 (f) The academy shall provide:

9 (1) academic and career counseling for academy
10 students;

11 (2) faculty mentorship for each academy student;

12 (3) enriched undergraduate courses designed to
13 strengthen academic preparation for future medical school
14 applicants;

15 (4) long-distance educational technology to allow
16 interactive participation with medical schools, as appropriate;

17 (5) visitation to medical school educational sites;
18 and

19 (6) visitation of medical school faculty to the
20 academy for academic enrichment.

21 (g) The academy shall consult with the medical schools in
22 Texas to ensure that its curriculum and practices are consistent
23 with current medical school needs and requirements.

24 (h) The academy shall enter into cooperative programs, as
25 appropriate, with medical schools in Texas to help achieve the
26 goals of the academy.

27 (i) The academy shall incorporate into its curriculum

1 current medical school educational practices, such as small group
2 tutorials using problem-based instruction.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.