

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, there are no free standing state or private medical schools in the Texas-Mexico border region. Residents of this region face many health challenges, including a shortage of health care providers and facilities, as well as sporadic outbreak of infectious diseases that are associated with underdeveloped nations. S.B. 1378 would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a review of medical training needs in the Texas-Mexico border region.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1378 requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board review of medical training needs in the Texas-Mexico border region.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to conduct a review of medical training needs in the Texas-Mexico border region. Establishes required conditions for THECB in conducting the review. Requires THECB to report findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, Speaker of the House and the 77th Legislature, not later than January 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 2, 2001.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage