

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) is the pipeline to medical school for economically disadvantaged students and represents a partnership between the eight medical schools in the state and the 65 public and private undergraduate institutions to achieve a more diverse medical school pool.

As proposed, S.B. 1728 updates JAMP statutorily to entitle certain freshman students to a scholarship, eliminates the eligibility requirements related to the timing of attendance at an institution of higher education, and removes the time limitation on service on the Joint Admission Medical Program Council.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 51.826(a), Education Code, to delete existing text requiring an undergraduate student, to be eligible for admission to the Joint Admission Medical Program or for selection as a program alternate, to have enrolled at an institution of higher education not later than the first fall semester following the student's graduation from high school. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Sections 51.823(b) (relating to a prohibition against a person serving on the Joint Admission Medical Program Council for more than six consecutive years) and 51.8265(c) (relating to the entitlement of a student to receive certain assistance), Education Code.

SECTION 3. Provides that the changes in law made by this Act to Sections 51.826 and 51.8265, Education Code, apply beginning with applicants for admissions to the Joint Admissions Medical Program for the 2009 fall semester.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.