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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING A GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM; CREATING THE GRADUATE MEDICAL
EDUCATION EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM FUND; PROVIDING FUNDING TO
CREATE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY PROGRAMS; CREATING THE
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION REVIEW BOARD; PROVIDING
DUTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the
"Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act".

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Graduate Medical
Education Expansion Grant Program Act:

A. "department" means the human services
department;

B. "graduate medical education training program"
means a program that has received approval or is in the
process of seeking approval to operate as a graduate medical
education training program sponsor from the appropriate
professional association that evaluates and accredits medical
residency and internship programs, including:

(1) a licensed and accredited hospital;

(2) an academic medical education
institution;

(3) a new freestanding graduate medical

1 education program;

2 (4) an established or new graduate medical
3 education training consortium; and

4 (5) a federally qualified health center; and

5 C. "secretary" means the secretary of human
6 services.

7 SECTION 3. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION GRANT
8 PROGRAM--FUND--DISTRIBUTIONS--APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS--
9 PRIORITIES FOR AWARDS--REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--

10 A. The "graduate medical education expansion grant
11 program fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund
12 consists of money appropriated by the legislature. Money in
13 the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of a
14 fiscal year. The secretary shall administer the fund, and
15 money in the fund is appropriated to the department to
16 administer the provisions of the Graduate Medical Education
17 Expansion Grant Program Act. Money in the fund may be
18 utilized to secure federal and private matching funds as
19 determined by the secretary. Money in the fund shall be
20 disbursed on warrants signed by the secretary of finance and
21 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary
22 of human services or the secretary's authorized
23 representative.

24 B. To receive a grant, a graduate medical
25 education training program shall apply to the graduate

1 medical education expansion grant program, pursuant to rules
2 adopted by the secretary. Grant amounts will be determined
3 by each entity's grant application. Funds from the graduate
4 medical education expansion grant program fund shall be
5 distributed to graduate medical education training programs
6 to develop and implement graduate medical education training
7 programs. The application must include the applicant's plan
8 to receive accreditation for the positions within the
9 graduate medical education training program.

10 C. The department may provide one-time planning
11 grants to graduate medical education training programs
12 pursuant to rules adopted by the secretary.

13 D. The department may provide graduate medical
14 education grants to:

15 (1) establish new graduate medical education
16 training programs with first-year positions;

17 (2) fund unfilled, accredited first-year
18 positions within a graduate medical education training
19 program;

20 (3) expand the number of first-year
21 positions within an existing graduate medical education
22 training program; and

23 (4) fund existing graduate medical education
24 training programs.

25 E. The department may prioritize applications that

1 emphasize the following:

2 (1) developing new or expanded programs with
3 specialties of psychiatry, family medicine, pediatric
4 medicine and internal medicine;

5 (2) increasing positions for medical
6 specialties having shortages within the state, with
7 preference being given to the primary care specialties of
8 family medicine, pediatric medicine and internal medicine;
9 and

10 (3) increasing primary care positions in
11 medically underserved areas within the state.

12 F. Each award recipient shall report annually to
13 the graduate medical education expansion review board on the:

14 (1) expenditures of grant funds; and

15 (2) plans for unexpended funds.

16 **SECTION 4. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION REVIEW**
17 **BOARD--CREATED--DUTIES.--**

18 A. Prior to October 1, 2019, the department shall
19 create the "graduate medical education expansion review
20 board" to:

21 (1) develop a state strategic plan for
22 expanding graduate medical education training programs;

23 (2) review grant applications; and

24 (3) review the grants awarded pursuant to
25 the Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act.

1 B. The graduate medical education expansion review
2 board shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by
3 the department. The review board shall include
4 representation from each accredited osteopathic and
5 allopathic medical school and from the following groups:

- 6 (1) the department;
- 7 (2) the higher education department;
- 8 (3) hospitals, primary care consortiums and
9 medical organizations; and
- 10 (4) osteopathic and allopathic medical
11 professional societies and associations.

12 C. The chair of the review board shall be elected
13 by the review board. The review board shall meet at the call
14 of the chair.

15 D. Members of the review board shall not be paid
16 per diem and mileage or other compensation for their
17 services.

18 E. The secretary shall provide staff support for
19 the review board in the performance of its duties.

20 F. A simple majority of the review board members
21 constitutes a quorum. A member of the review board shall
22 abstain from voting or the member's vote shall be
23 disqualified on any matter in which the member has a
24 pecuniary interest.

25 G. The secretary of human services and the

1 secretary of higher education shall assist the graduate
2 medical education expansion review board in developing a
3 strategic plan for the expansion of graduate medical
4 education training programs, which shall include the
5 following:

6 (1) a statement describing the objectives
7 and goals of the review board, the strategies by which those
8 goals will be achieved and a time line for achieving those
9 goals;

10 (2) a summary of the current graduate
11 medical education training programs throughout the state;

12 (3) a five-year plan for expanding graduate
13 medical education training programs in the state;

14 (4) an evaluation of the standards and
15 curriculum guidelines for graduate medical education training
16 programs;

17 (5) an ongoing evaluation process of funds
18 distributed through the graduate medical education expansion
19 grant program that is overseen by the review board; and

20 (6) a plan to ensure long-term
21 sustainability.

22 H. The graduate medical education expansion review
23 board shall review applications to the graduate medical
24 education expansion grant program and provide recommendations
25 to the secretary. _____