HOUSE BILL 480

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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; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

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

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

A. "department" means the human services
department;

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B. "hospital" includes primary hospitals, secondary hospitals and federally qualified health centers; and

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

SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM--FUND--DISTRIBUTIONS--APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS--PRIORITIES FOR AWARDS--REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--

A. The "graduate medical education expansion grant program fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of money appropriated by the legislature. Money in the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of a fiscal year. The secretary shall administer the fund, and money in the fund is appropriated to the department to administer the provisions of the Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act. Money in the fund shall be disbursed on warrants signed by the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of human services or the secretary's authorized representative.

B. To receive a grant, a hospital shall apply to the graduate medical education expansion grant program, pursuant to rules adopted by the secretary. Grant amounts will be determined by each entity's grant application. Funds from the graduate medical education expansion grant program fund shall be distributed to hospitals to develop and implement graduate medical education programs. The application must
include the applicant's plan to receive accreditation for the
positions within the graduate medical education program.

C. The department may provide one-time planning
grants to hospitals if the hospital:
   (1) does not currently have a graduate medical
   education program and would be eligible for medicare funding of
   a graduate medical education program; or
   (2) previously used one-time planning grants
to establish an ongoing graduate medical education program and
funds would be used to create additional positions in the
program.

D. The department may provide graduate medical
education grants to:
   (1) establish new graduate medical education
   programs with first-year positions;
   (2) fund unfilled, accredited first-year
   positions within a graduate medical education program;
   (3) expand the number of first-year positions
   within an existing graduate medical education program; and
   (4) fund existing graduate medical education
   programs.

E. The department may prioritize applications that
emphasize the following:
   (1) developing accredited programs at
hospitals that have not previously offered graduate medical
education programs;
   (2) increasing positions for medical specialities having shortages within the state; and
   (3) increasing positions in medically underserved areas within the state.

F. Each award recipient shall report annually to the graduate medical education expansion review board on the:
   (1) expenditures of grant funds; and
   (2) plans for unexpended funds.

SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION REVIEW BOARD--CREATED--DUTIES.--

A. Prior to October 1, 2019, the department shall create the "graduate medical education expansion review board" to:
   (1) develop a state strategic plan for expanding graduate medical education programs;
   (2) review grant applications; and
   (3) review the grants awarded pursuant to the Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act.

B. The graduate medical education expansion review board shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the department. The review board shall include representation from each accredited osteopathic and allopathic medical school and from the following groups:
   (1) the department;
(2) the higher education department;
(3) hospital and primary care organizations;
and
(4) osteopathic and allopathic medical professional societies and associations.

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

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

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

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

G. The secretary of human services and the secretary of higher education shall assist the graduate medical education expansion review board in developing a strategic plan for the expansion of graduate medical education programs, which shall include the following:

   (1) a statement describing the objectives and goals of the review board, the strategies by which those goals will be achieved and a time line for achieving those goals;
   (2) a summary of the current graduate medical
education programs throughout the state;
   
   (3) a five-year plan for expanding graduate
medical education programs in the state;
   
   (4) an evaluation of the standards and
curriculum guidelines for graduate medical education programs;
   
   (5) an ongoing evaluation process of funds
distributed through the graduate medical education expansion
grant program that is overseen by the review board; and
   
   (6) a plan to ensure long-term sustainability.

H. The graduate medical education expansion review
board shall review applications to the graduate medical
education expansion grant program and provide recommendations
to the secretary.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars
($5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
graduate medical education expansion grant program fund for
expenditure in fiscal year 2020 and subsequent fiscal years for
the purposes of that fund. No more than five percent of this
appropriation shall be used by the human services department
for administrative expenses. Any unexpended or unencumbered
balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
to the general fund.

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