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HOUSE BILL
55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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DISCUSSION DRAFT
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
AND THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
LICENSURE OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MEDICAL SCHOOL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.--

A. Prior to issuing or renewing a license to
operate a medical school in New Mexico, the higher education
department shall require a medical school to:

(1) obtain executed agreements from at least
five different clinical affiliates in New Mexico that have
inpatient bed capacity of one hundred fifty or more licensed
beds;

(2) obtain the required number of executed

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1 agreements and faculty credentialed appointments from New
2 Mexico-based preceptors as defined by the medical school
3 applicant's programmatic accreditor; and

4 (3) demonstrate the medical school's ability
5 to facilitate the creation of new graduate medical education
6 programs within New Mexico. At a minimum, the medical school
7 applicant shall demonstrate and provide documentation that the
8 medical school applicant is the procuring cause for the
9 creation of at least one first-year resident position in New
10 Mexico for every ten students in the medical school applicant's
11 initial approved class size. The documentation shall include
12 evidence that the graduate medical education program submitted
13 its application to the accreditation council for graduate
14 medical education for approval.

15 B. The higher education department shall maintain
16 an appeals process for medical schools in New Mexico that have
17 had a license denied by the higher education department.

18 C. As used in this section:

19 (1) "clinical affiliate" means a hospital,
20 physician office, ambulatory care center, surgical center or
21 health department;

22 (2) "executed agreement" means an agreement
23 signed by the designated medical school official and designated
24 official of the institution providing access for medical
25 students to clinical rotations and education;

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1 (3) "faculty credentialed" means the process
2 by which the medical school ensures that the physicians
3 providing clinical education have the required education,
4 training and licensure to practice medicine;

5 (4) "graduate medical education" means any
6 type of formal medical education pursued after receipt of an
7 allopathic or osteopathic physician degree. Graduate medical
8 education includes internship, residency, subspecialty and
9 fellowship programs, in all fields of medicine and surgery,
10 recognized by and enabling state licensure in New Mexico;

11 (5) "medical school" means a tertiary
12 educational institution, or part of such an institution, that
13 teaches medicine and awards a professional degree for
14 physicians and surgeons, including a bachelor of medicine,
15 bachelor of surgery, doctor of medicine or doctor of
16 osteopathic medicine;

17 (6) "preceptors" means licensed, practicing
18 allopathic or osteopathic physicians who, under a faculty
19 appointment with a medical school, mentor medical students and
20 provide clinical education for core and elective clerkship
21 rotations;

22 (7) "procuring cause" means the verification
23 that the medical school initiated and facilitated a third-party
24 health care organization to develop, fund and implement a new
25 graduate medical education residency program; and

1 (8) "programmatic accreditor" means, for
2 allopathic physicians, the liaison committee on medical
3 education and for osteopathic physicians, the commission on
4 osteopathic college accreditation."

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