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SENATE BILL

No. 1416

Introduced by Senators Rubio and Hernandez

February 24, 2012

An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 128310) to Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1416, as amended, Rubio. Medical residency training program grants: grants.

Existing law, the Song-Brown Family Physician Training Act, declares the intent of the Legislature to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality education and training in the specialty of family practice and as primary care physician's assistants and primary care nurse practitioners. Existing law establishes, for this purpose, a state medical contract program with accredited medical schools, programs that train primary care physician's assistants, programs that train primary care nurse practitioners, registered nurses, hospitals, and other health care delivery systems.

Existing law establishes the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission and requires the commission to, among other things, identify specific areas of the state where unmet priority needs for primary care family physicians and registered nurses exist, establish standards for family practice training programs, family practice residency programs, primary care physician assistants programs, and programs that train primary care nurse practitioners, and review and make recommendations to the Director of the Office of Statewide Health

Planning and Development concerning the funding of those programs that are submitted to the Health Professions Development Program for participation in the state medical contract program.

The bill would create the Graduate Medical Education Trust Fund in the State Treasury and would require that moneys in the fund be used ~~by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development~~, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to fund grants to *graduate* medical residency training programs ~~for the creation of additional residency positions, which would be funded at the same rate as residency positions funded through the Medicare Program, as specified. The bill would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, in consultation with the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission, to develop criteria by December 31, 2013, for distribution of available funds.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 4 (commencing with Section 128310) is
 2 added to Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and
 3 Safety Code, to read:

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 5 Article 4. Medical Residency Training Program Grants

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 7 128310. (a) The Graduate Medical Education Trust Fund is
 8 hereby created in the State Treasury.

9 (b) Moneys in the fund shall, upon appropriation by the
 10 Legislature, be used ~~by the office solely for the purposes specified~~
 11 ~~in this section~~ *purpose of funding grants to graduate medical*
 12 *education residency programs in California.*

13 (c) Notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government Code,
 14 all interest earned on the moneys that have been deposited into the
 15 fund shall be retained in the fund and used for purposes consistent
 16 with the fund.

17 (d) The fund shall consist of all of the following:
 18 (1) All private moneys donated by private individuals or entities
 19 to the commission for deposit into the fund.
 20 (2) Any amounts appropriated to the fund by the Legislature.
 21 (3) Any interest that accrues on amounts in the fund.

1 ~~(e) Moneys in the fund shall be used by the office to fund grants~~
2 ~~to medical residency training programs for the creation of~~
3 ~~additional residency positions. Additional residency positions~~
4 ~~funded pursuant to this section shall be funded at the same rate as~~
5 ~~residency positions funded through the Medicare Program.~~

6 ~~(f) For purposes of this section, “office” means the Office of~~
7 ~~Statewide Health Planning and Development.~~

8 *(e) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development,*
9 *in consultation with the California Healthcare Workforce Policy*
10 *Committee, shall develop criteria on or before December 31, 2013,*
11 *for distribution of available moneys in the fund.*

12 *(f) In developing the criteria, the office shall give priority to*
13 *programs that meet the following specifications:*

14 *(1) Are located in medically underserved areas, as defined in*
15 *subdivision (a) of Section 128552.*

16 *(2) Have a proven record of placing graduates in those*
17 *medically underserved areas.*

18 *(3) Place an emphasis on training primary care providers.*

19 *(4) Place an emphasis on training physician specialties that are*
20 *most needed in the community in which the program is located.*

21 *(g) Moneys appropriated from the fund may also be used to*
22 *fund existing graduate medical education residency slots as well*
23 *as new graduate medical education residency slots.*

24 *(h) Whenever applicable, the office shall utilize moneys*
25 *appropriated from the fund to provide a match for available federal*
26 *funds for graduate medical education.*

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