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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 27**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Medina**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Roth)  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Linder)

December 3, 2012

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An act relating to the University of California, ~~making an appropriation therefor,~~ and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 27, as amended, Medina. University of California: UC Riverside Medical School: funding.

Existing provisions of the California Constitution establish the University of California as a public trust under the administration of the Regents of the University of California. The University of California system includes 10 campuses, which are located in Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

~~This bill would annually appropriate \$15,000,000 from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California for allocation to the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside. The bill would require the Regents of the University of California to use these~~

moneys for the sole purpose of funding the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, and would prohibit the regents from redirecting or otherwise expending these moneys for any other purpose. The bill would also prohibit the use of this funding to supplant other funding of the Regents of the University of California for the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside.

*This bill would state various legislative findings and declarations relating to the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside.* The bill would ~~require~~ request the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, to develop a program, consistent with its mission, in conjunction with the health facilities of its medical residency programs, to identify eligible medical residents and to assist those medical residents to apply for physician retention programs, including, but not limited to, the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Medical School Scholarship Program. ~~The bill would require, on or before April 1 of each year, the University of California to provide progress reports and specified information consistent with the published mission and vision of the University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature pertaining to funding, recruitment, hiring, and outcomes for the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine.~~

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: ~~yes~~-no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) California's supply of primary care physicians is below what
- 4 is considered sufficient to meet patient needs. In the rapidly
- 5 growing and ethnically diverse area of inland southern California,
- 6 the shortage is particularly severe, with just 40 primary care
- 7 physicians per 100,000 patients, far fewer than the recommended
- 8 range of 60 to 80 primary care physicians per 100,000 patients.
- 9 Furthermore, Latinos, African Americans, and Native Americans
- 10 are vastly underrepresented in the physician workforce.

1 (b) California lags substantially in the number of medical school  
2 seats per capita, having just 17.3 seats per 100,000 persons,  
3 compared to the United States average of 31.4 seats per 100,000  
4 persons, according to statistics published by the Association of  
5 American Medical Colleges.

6 (c) According to the California HealthCare Foundation, 72  
7 percent of California’s 58 counties have an undersupply of primary  
8 care physicians, with primary care physicians making up just 34  
9 percent of California’s physician workforce.

10 (d) The University of California, Riverside, (UCR) has had a  
11 longstanding two-year medical education program and its  
12 independent four-year school of medicine has received preliminary  
13 accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education,  
14 the nationally recognized accrediting body for medical education  
15 programs leading to M.D. degrees in the United States and Canada.  
16 When this new four-year medical school opens in August 2013,  
17 it will become the first new public medical school in California in  
18 more than 40 years.

19 (e) This community-based medical school with a public mission  
20 to expand and diversify the region’s physician workforce and to  
21 improve the health of people living in inland southern California  
22 has made a commitment to underserved patient populations.

23 (f) There are two principal determinants of where a physician  
24 practices: (1) where he or she grew up, and (2) where he or she  
25 completes residency training following medical school graduation.

26 (g) The UCR medical school has strategies to capitalize on both  
27 of these factors. Among these strategies are all of the following:  
28 (1) developing student pipeline programs that inspire more young  
29 people in the region to pursue careers in medicine and other allied  
30 health professions and to recruit them to the UCR medical school;  
31 (2) utilizing a holistic review of medical school applicants that  
32 takes into account diverse life experiences in addition to their  
33 academic performance; (3) teaching a curriculum that emphasizes  
34 key competencies for primary care medicine, including wellness  
35 and prevention, evidence-based medicine, and chronic disease  
36 management; (4) creating new residency training programs in  
37 primary care and those short-supply specialties that are most  
38 needed in inland southern California; and (5) continuing UCR’s  
39 commitment to the recruitment, retention, and advancement of  
40 talented students, faculty, and staff from historically excluded

1 populations who are currently underrepresented in medical  
2 education and the practice of medicine.

3 (h) As a further incentive for medical students to choose primary  
4 care specialties, the UCR medical school has developed an  
5 innovative “loan-to-scholarship” program, is actively raising  
6 nonstate funds to expand that program, and is educating students  
7 and graduates about existing public and private physician  
8 recruitment and retention programs, including, but not limited to,  
9 the ~~Steven M. Thompson-Physician Corps Loan Repayment~~  
10 ~~Medical School Scholarship~~ Program established pursuant to  
11 Article 6 (commencing with Section 128560) of Chapter 5 of Part  
12 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code.

13 (i) The appropriation of state funding *in the annual budget, and*  
14 *consistent with Section 16 of Assembly Bill 94 of the 2013–14*  
15 *Regular Session, to the UCR medical school will add more*  
16 *physicians to underserved areas in inland southern California and*  
17 *help California meet the objectives of the federal Patient Protection*  
18 *and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) in the short term*  
19 *and the long term by expanding the physician workforce.*

20 ~~SEC. 2. (a) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)~~  
21 ~~is hereby appropriated annually from the General Fund to the~~  
22 ~~Regents of the University of California for allocation to the School~~  
23 ~~of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside. Except as~~  
24 ~~provided in subdivision (b), the Regents of the University of~~  
25 ~~California shall use the moneys appropriated by this act for the~~  
26 ~~sole purpose of funding the School of Medicine at the University~~  
27 ~~of California, Riverside, and shall not redirect or otherwise expend~~  
28 ~~these moneys for any other purpose. The funding authorized by~~  
29 ~~this section shall not be used to supplant other funding of the~~  
30 ~~Regents of the University of California for the School of Medicine~~  
31 ~~at the University of California, Riverside.~~

32 ~~(b) Funds provided pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be available~~  
33 ~~for planning and startup costs associated with academic programs~~  
34 ~~to be offered by the School of Medicine at the University of~~  
35 ~~California, Riverside, including all of the following:~~

36 ~~(1) Academic planning activities, support of academic program~~  
37 ~~offerings, and faculty recruitment.~~

38 ~~(2) The acquisition of instructional materials and equipment.~~

1 ~~(3) Ongoing operating support for faculty, staff, and other annual~~  
2 ~~operating expenses for the School of Medicine at the University~~  
3 ~~of California, Riverside.~~

4 ~~(e)~~

5 *SEC. 2.* The School of Medicine at the University of California,  
6 Riverside, ~~shall~~ *is requested to* develop a program, consistent with  
7 its mission, in conjunction with the health facilities of its medical  
8 residency programs, to identify eligible medical residents and to  
9 assist those medical residents to apply for physician retention  
10 programs, including, but not limited to, the Steven M. Thompson  
11 ~~Physician Corps Loan Repayment~~ *Medical School Scholarship*  
12 Program, established pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with  
13 Section 128560) of Chapter 5 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the  
14 Health and Safety Code.

15 ~~(d) On or before April 1 of each year, the University of~~  
16 ~~California shall provide progress reports to the relevant policy and~~  
17 ~~fiscal committees of the Legislature pertaining to funding,~~  
18 ~~recruitment, hiring, and outcomes for the School of Medicine at~~  
19 ~~the University of California, Riverside. Specifically, the report~~  
20 ~~shall include, but not be limited to, information consistent with~~  
21 ~~the published mission and vision for the School of Medicine at the~~  
22 ~~University of California, Riverside, in all of the following areas:~~

23 ~~(1) The number of students who have applied, been admitted,~~  
24 ~~or been enrolled, broken out by race, ethnicity, and gender.~~

25 ~~(2) The number of full-time faculty, part-time faculty, and~~  
26 ~~administration, broken out by race, ethnicity, and gender.~~

27 ~~(3) Funding and progress of ongoing medical education pipeline~~  
28 ~~programs, including the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in~~  
29 ~~Biomedical Sciences.~~

30 ~~(4) Operating and capital budgets, including detail by funding~~  
31 ~~source, and an explanation of how such funding affects base~~  
32 ~~funding for other university purposes. The operating budget shall~~  
33 ~~include a breakdown of research activities, instruction costs,~~  
34 ~~administration, and executive management.~~

35 ~~(5) Efforts to meet the health care delivery needs of California~~  
36 ~~and the Inland Empire region of the state, including, but not limited~~  
37 ~~to, the percentage of clinical placements, graduate medical~~  
38 ~~education slots, and medical school graduates in primary care~~  
39 ~~specialties who are providing service within California's medically~~  
40 ~~underserved areas and populations.~~

1 ~~(6) A description of faculty research activities, including~~  
2 ~~information regarding the diversity of doctoral candidates, and~~  
3 ~~identifying activities that focus on high priority research needs~~  
4 ~~with respect to addressing California's medically underserved~~  
5 ~~areas and populations.~~

6 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
7 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
8 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into  
9 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

10 In order to ~~provide crucial funding to launch the~~ *recruit and*  
11 *retain medical residents, who are vital to the* health care mission  
12 of the School of Medicine at the University of California,  
13 Riverside, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.