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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2458**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

February 21, 2014

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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 medical care, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2458, as amended, Bonilla. Medical residency training program grants.

Existing law, the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act, provides for specified training programs for certain health care workers, including family physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants.

This bill would establish the Graduate Medical Education Fund, to be used to administer and fund grants to graduate medical education residency programs located in California hospitals or teaching health centers, as specified. The bill would appropriate ~~an unspecified amount of money~~ *twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000)* from the General Fund in the 2014–15 fiscal year for this purpose and \$2,840,000 per year for 3 years, commencing with the 2014–15 fiscal year, from the California Health Data and Planning Fund for this purpose.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. 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 Fund is hereby  
8 established in the State Treasury.

9 (b) Moneys in the fund shall, upon appropriation by the  
10 Legislature, be used solely for the purpose of administering and  
11 funding grants to graduate medical education residency programs  
12 located in California hospitals or teaching health centers.

13 (c) (1) Notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government  
14 Code, all interest earned on the moneys that have been deposited  
15 into the fund shall be retained in the fund and used for purposes  
16 consistent with the fund.

17 (2) One-time, ongoing, or administrative costs incurred or  
18 generated by the implementation of this article, including those  
19 that might be incurred by the Office of Statewide Health Planning  
20 and Development (OSHPD), shall come directly from the Graduate  
21 Medical Education Fund.

22 (d) The fund shall consist of both of the following:

23 (1) All assessments, transfers, and appropriations received  
24 pursuant to Section 128311.

25 (2) Interest that accrues on amounts in the fund.

26 (e) OSHPD, in consultation with the California Healthcare  
27 Workforce Policy Commission, shall develop criteria for  
28 distribution of available moneys in the fund.

29 (f) Moneys appropriated from the fund shall be used to fund  
30 new graduate medical education residency positions.

31 (g) Whenever applicable, OSHPD shall utilize moneys  
32 appropriated from the fund to provide a match for available federal  
33 funds for graduate medical education.

34 (h) For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall  
35 apply:

36 (1) "Commission" means the California Healthcare Workforce  
37 Policy Commission, established pursuant to Section 128215.

1 (2) “OSHPD” means the Office of Statewide Health Planning  
2 and Development.

3 (3) “Primary care physician” means an allopathic or osteopathic  
4 physician who has the responsibility for providing initial and  
5 primary care to patients, maintaining the continuity of patient care,  
6 and initiating referral for specialist care. A primary care physician  
7 shall be either a physician who has limited his or her practice of  
8 medicine to general practice or who is a board-certified or  
9 board-eligible internist, pediatrician, obstetrician-gynecologist, or  
10 family practitioner.

11 128311. (a) In the 2014–15 fiscal year, the sum of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
12 *twenty-five million* dollars ~~(\$\_\_\_\_\_)~~ (\$25,000,000) is hereby  
13 appropriated from the General Fund to the Graduate Medical  
14 Education Fund established in Section 128310.

15 (b) Commencing with the 2014–15 fiscal year, the sum of two  
16 million eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,840,000) per year  
17 for three years is hereby appropriated from the California Health  
18 Data and Planning Fund ~~into~~ to the Graduate Medical Education  
19 Fund established in Section 128310.

20 128312. Funding of this article shall not affect the existing  
21 funding for the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act  
22 (Article 1 (commencing with Section 128200)) for family medicine  
23 residency or physician assistant, family nurse practitioner, and  
24 registered nurse training programs.