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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2048

**Introduced by Assembly Member Gray
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula, Gonzalez, Waldron,
and Wood)**

February 17, 2016

An act to amend Section 127940 ~~of, and to add Section 127945 to,~~
of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health professions
development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2048, as amended, Gray. National Health Service Corps State
Loan Repayment Program.

Existing law provides that in administering the National Health
Service Corps State Loan Repayment Program in accordance with
federal law and regulations, the Office of Statewide Health Planning
and Development is required to strive, whenever feasible, to equitably
distribute loan repayment awards between eligible urban and rural
program sites, after taking into account the availability of health care
services in the communities to be served and the number of individuals
to be served in each program site.

This bill would require the office to include all federally qualified
health centers located in California in the program's certified eligible

site list. The bill would require the office to notify all certified eligible sites when the program opens each application cycle and to strive, to the extent possible, to maximize the number of applications received each cycle. The bill would require the office to submit an annual report, as specified, to the Senate and Assembly Committees on Health that includes, among other things, the number of applications received during the annual application cycle and the percentage of applicants that were awarded funding. *As part of the application process for the program, the bill would require program sites to agree to provide matching funds.*

~~This bill would authorize the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to use state funds for the purpose of providing required matching funds for the National Health Service Corps State Loan Repayment Program in any year in which funding is appropriated by the annual Budget Act for that purpose. The bill would prohibit the office from requiring program applicants or participants to provide matching funds in any year that the office receives these matching funds, but would require a program applicant to agree to provide matching funds in any year in which the office does not receive the required matching funds, as specified.~~

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. Section 127940 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 127940. (a) In administering the National Health Service Corps
- 4 State Loan Repayment Program in accordance with Section 254q-1
- 5 of Title 42 of the United States Code and related federal
- 6 regulations, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and
- 7 Development shall strive, whenever feasible, to equitably distribute
- 8 loan repayment awards between eligible urban and rural program
- 9 sites, after taking into account the availability of health care
- 10 services in the communities to be served and the number of
- 11 individuals to be served in each program site.
- 12 (b) The office shall set a reasonable deadline for when all
- 13 applications are required to be received.
- 14 (c) All eligible applications shall be given consideration before
- 15 any award is granted.

1 (d) The office shall include all federally qualified health centers
2 located in California in the program’s certified eligible site list.

3 ~~(e) The office shall notify all certified eligible sites when the~~
4 ~~program opens each application cycle and shall strive, to the extent~~
5 ~~possible, to maximize the number of applications received each~~
6 ~~eyele.~~

7 ~~(f) As part of the initial application process, program applicants~~
8 ~~shall agree to provide matching funds in any year that the office~~
9 ~~does not receive the required matching funds pursuant to Section~~
10 ~~127945.~~

11 ~~(g) Notwithstanding subdivision (f), the office shall not require~~
12 ~~program applicants and participants to provide matching funds in~~
13 ~~any year that the office receives the required matching funds~~
14 ~~pursuant to Section 127945.~~

15 ~~(h) The office shall submit an annual report to the Senate and~~
16 ~~Assembly Committees on Health that includes all of the following~~
17 ~~information:~~

18 ~~(1) The number of applications received during the annual~~
19 ~~application cycle.~~

20 ~~(2) The percentage of applicants that were awarded funding~~
21 ~~under the program.~~

22 ~~(3) The percentage of applicants that were not awarded funding~~
23 ~~under the program.~~

24 ~~(4) The percentage of funding that went to each geographic~~
25 ~~region in the state.~~

26 ~~(i) (1) The requirement for submitting a report pursuant to~~
27 ~~subdivision (h) is inoperative on January 1, 2021, pursuant to~~
28 ~~Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.~~

29 ~~(2) A report submitted pursuant to subdivision (h) shall be~~
30 ~~submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government~~
31 ~~Code.~~

32 ~~(e) As part of a program applicant’s initial application, program~~
33 ~~sites shall agree to provide matching funds.~~

34 ~~SEC. 2. Section 127945 is added to the Health and Safety Code,~~
35 ~~to read:~~

36 ~~127945. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and~~
37 ~~Development may use state funds for purposes of providing~~
38 ~~required matching funds for the National Health Service Corps~~
39 ~~State Loan Repayment Program pursuant to Section 127940 in~~

- 1 any year in which funding is appropriated by the annual Budget
- 2 Act for that purpose.

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