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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2216

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

February 18, 2016

An act to add Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 128245) to Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health workforce development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2216, as amended, Bonta. Primary care residency programs: grant program.

Existing federal and state laws contain programs that authorize loan forgiveness to physicians, dentists, and individuals enrolled in a postsecondary institution studying medicine or dentistry who agree to practice in medically or dentally underserved areas. Under existing law, the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program was created by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for the purpose of awarding grants to teaching health centers for the purpose of establishing new accredited or expanded primary care residency programs.

This bill would establish the Teaching Health Center Primary Care Graduate Medical Education Fund for purposes of funding primary care residency programs, as specified, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would establish criteria for the awarding of grants under these provisions to teaching health centers, as defined. The bill would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

and the Director of Statewide Health Planning and Development to administer these provisions, as specified. The bill would require the office to adopt emergency regulations to implement these provisions.

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 1.5 (commencing with Section 128245)
2 is 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 1.5. Teaching Health Center Primary Care Graduate
6 Medical Education Act of 2016
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8 128245. For purposes of this article, the following terms have
9 the following meanings:

10 (a) "Director" means the Director of Statewide Health Planning
11 and Development.

12 (b) "Fund" means the Teaching Health Center Primary Care
13 Graduate Medical Education Fund.

14 (c) "Office" means the Office of Statewide Health Planning and
15 Development.

16 (d) *"Sustaining grant" means a grant awarded to ensure the*
17 *continued operation of an accredited teaching health center,*
18 *whether that accreditation was first awarded pursuant to the*
19 *process created by this article or the accreditation was awarded*
20 *prior to the enactment of this article.*

21 (~~e~~)
22 (e) "Teaching health center" has the same meaning as defined
23 in Article 1 (commencing with Section 128200).

24 128246. There is in the State Treasury the Teaching Health
25 Center Primary Care Graduate Medical Education Fund, which
26 fund is hereby created.

27 128247. (a) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the
28 director shall award planning and development grants from the
29 fund to teaching health centers for the purpose of establishing new
30 accredited or expanded primary care residency programs.

31 (b) Grants awarded under this section shall be for a term of not
32 more than three years and the maximum award to a teaching health

1 center shall not be more than five hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$500,000).

3 (c) A grant awarded pursuant to this section shall be used to
4 cover the costs of establishing or expanding a primary care
5 residency training program described in subdivision (a), including
6 costs associated with curriculum development, recruitment,
7 training, and retention of residents and faculty, accreditation by
8 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
9 (ACGME), the American Dental Association (ADA), or the
10 American Osteopathic Association (AOA), faculty salaries during
11 the development phase, and technical assistance.

12 (d) A teaching health center seeking a grant under this section
13 shall submit an application to the office in the format prescribed
14 by the office. The director shall evaluate those applications and
15 award grants based on criteria consistent with a teaching health
16 center's readiness and other factors indicating the likelihood of
17 success at implementing a primary care residency program.

18 128248. (a) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the
19 director shall award sustaining grants from the fund to teaching
20 health centers operating primary care residency programs
21 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
22 Education (ACGME), the American Dental Association (ADA),
23 or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

24 (b) The office shall determine the amount of grants awarded
25 per resident by taking into account the direct and indirect costs of
26 graduate medical education. The amount of grants awarded per
27 resident shall be updated, as appropriate, on an annual basis.

28 128249. The office shall promulgate emergency regulations
29 to implement this article.

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