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HB4073

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2325/30 new
30 ILCS 105/5.990 new
110 ILCS 205/9.43 new

Amends the Comprehensive Healthcare Workforce Planning Act. Provides that the State Healthcare Workforce Council shall coordinate the State's health workforce education and training to develop a health workforce that meets the State's health care needs. Provides that the Council shall work with graduate medical education and training programs, health professions, including, but not limited to, specialties for primary care and behavioral health, and consumer representatives to address specified provisions. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish a program to provide: (1) funding for medical residency positions that are not funded by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or other established funding source; (2) technical assistance for entities that wish to establish a residency program, including, but not limited to: entities that are not licensed hospitals and federally qualified health centers; and (3) startup funding for entities that wish to establish a residency program. Sets forth provisions concerning the application process and priority. Provides that the State Healthcare Workforce Council shall provide information annually to the Board of Higher Education related to workforce shortages to assist in the development of the application, and shall be responsible for reviewing applications and making recommendations to the Board of Higher Education regarding funding recipients. Creates the Medical Residency Education Fund to expand graduate medical education opportunities in the State and maximize the delivery of medical care and physician services to specific areas of the state where there is a recognized unmet priority need for medical care and physician services. Amends the State Finance Act to make a conforming change.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This act may be referred to as the
5 Expanding Medical Residency Opportunities in Illinois Law.

6 Section 3. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) There is a significant shortage of physicians in
8 rural and underserved areas throughout the State.

9 (2) Supporting the development of a greater supply of
10 physicians to serve in rural and underserved areas in the
11 state by expanding residency training opportunities is of
12 great importance and the establishment of a program to
13 achieve this purpose is a desirable, necessary, and
14 economical method of increasing the number of physicians
15 to provide needed medical services to the people of this
16 State.

17 Section 5. The Comprehensive Healthcare Workforce Planning
18 Act is amended by adding Section 30 as follows:

19 (20 ILCS 2325/30 new)

20 Sec. 30. Healthcare workforce planning. The Council shall
21 coordinate the State's health workforce education and training

1 to develop a health workforce that meets the State's health
2 care needs. The Council shall work with graduate medical
3 education and training programs, health professions,
4 including, but not limited to, specialties for primary care
5 and behavioral health, and consumer representatives to:

6 (1) develop graduate medical education and workforce
7 training and development priorities for the State;

8 (2) discuss and make recommendations regarding the use
9 of health care education and training funds appropriated
10 by the General Assembly for programs administered under
11 Section 9.43 of the Board of Higher Education Act;

12 (3) develop standards and guidelines for residency and
13 health professions education and training programs funded
14 under Section 9.43 of the Board of Higher Education Act;

15 (4) review outcomes data from funded programs, as
16 provided to the commission by the department, to
17 reprioritize and reassess the graduate medical education
18 and health professions education and training needs of
19 communities;

20 (5) explore options for developing a broad graduate
21 medical education and health professions education and
22 training funding strategy;

23 (6) advocate for additional funds and additional
24 sources of funds to stimulate expansion of graduate
25 medical education and health professions education and
26 training in the State;

1 (7) provide technical assistance and support for
2 establishing new graduate medical education and health
3 professions education and training programs in the State;
4 and

5 (8) review and recommend health professions career
6 pathways or ladders.

7 The Council shall give primary consideration to increasing
8 workforce diversity and furthering improved access, quality,
9 and equity of health care for underserved or underrepresented
10 populations.

11 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
12 Section 5.990 as follows:

13 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

14 Sec. 5.990. The Medical Residency Education Fund.

15 Section 15. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended
16 by adding Section 9.43 as follows:

17 (110 ILCS 205/9.43 new)

18 Sec. 9.43. Medical Residency Education.

19 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a program
20 to provide:

21 (1) funding for medical residency positions that are
22 not funded by the federal Centers for Medicare and

1 Medicaid Services or other established funding source;

2 (2) technical assistance for entities that wish to
3 establish a residency program, including, but not limited
4 to: entities that are not licensed hospitals or federally
5 qualified health centers; and

6 (3) startup funding for entities that wish to
7 establish a residency program.

8 (b) The Board of Higher Education shall establish an
9 application process for an entity seeking money from the fund.

10 The application and contract criteria should be based on
11 health care workforce needs and priorities. When funding new
12 medical residency positions, priority shall be given to
13 programs that strive to:

14 (1) graduate individuals who practice in medically
15 underserved areas in the State; and

16 (2) locate the program's main training site in a
17 medically underserved area.

18 (c) The State Healthcare Workforce Council shall provide
19 information annually to the Board of Higher Education related
20 to workforce shortages to assist in the development of the
21 application, and shall be responsible for reviewing
22 applications and making recommendations to the Board of Higher
23 Education regarding funding recipients.

24 (d) An entity receiving funding under the fund shall
25 provide any information requested by the State Board that the
26 State Board determines is necessary to administer this

1 Section.

2 (e) Funds shall be awarded to those institutions that best
3 demonstrate the ability to provide quality education and
4 training and to retain residents in specific areas of the
5 State where there is a recognized unmet priority need for
6 physicians.

7 (f) The Medical Residency Education Fund is created as a
8 special fund in the State treasury. The Board shall deposit
9 into the Fund moneys appropriated or received as gifts. Moneys
10 in the Fund shall be used by the Board, subject to
11 appropriation, to expand graduate medical education
12 opportunities in the State and maximize the delivery of
13 medical care and physician services to specific areas of the
14 state where there is a recognized unmet priority need for
15 medical care and physician services pursuant to this Section.