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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2351

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2351 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Expanding
5 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; and

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.

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

3 (20 ILCS 2325/30 new)

4 Sec. 30. Healthcare workforce planning. The Council shall
5 coordinate the State's health workforce education and training
6 to develop a health workforce that meets the State's health
7 care needs. The Council shall work with graduate medical
8 education and training programs, health professions,
9 including, but not limited to, specialties for primary care
10 and behavioral health, and consumer representatives to:

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

13 (2) discuss and make recommendations regarding the use
14 of health care education and training funds appropriated
15 by the General Assembly for programs;

16 (3) develop standards and guidelines for residency and
17 health professions education and training programs;

18 (4) review outcomes data from funded programs, as
19 provided to the Council by the Department, to reprioritize
20 and reassess the graduate medical education and health
21 professions education and training needs of communities;

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

1 (6) advocate for additional funds and additional
2 sources of funds to stimulate expansion of graduate
3 medical education and health professions education and
4 training in the State;

5 (7) provide technical assistance and support for
6 establishing new graduate medical education and health
7 professions education and training programs in the State;
8 and

9 (8) review and recommend health professions career
10 pathways or ladders.

11 The Council shall give primary consideration to increasing
12 workforce diversity and furthering improved access, quality,
13 and equity of health care for underserved or underrepresented
14 populations.

15 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
16 Section 5.1028 as follows:

17 (30 ILCS 105/5.1028 new)

18 Sec. 5.1028. The Medical Residency Fund.

19 Section 15. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended
20 by adding Section 9.45 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 205/9.45 new)

22 Sec. 9.45. Medical residencies; program.

1 (a) The Board shall establish a program to provide:

2 (1) funding for medical residency positions that are
3 not funded by the federal Centers for Medicare and
4 Medicaid Services or other established funding source;

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

9 (3) startup funding for entities that wish to
10 establish a residency program.

11 (b) The Board shall establish an application process for
12 an entity seeking funding. The application and contract
13 criteria shall be based on health care workforce needs and
14 priorities. When funding new medical residency positions,
15 priority shall be given to programs that strive to:

16 (1) graduate individuals who practice in medically
17 underserved areas in the State; and

18 (2) locate the positions' main training site in a
19 medically underserved area.

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

25 (d) An entity receiving funding under the program shall
26 provide any information requested by the Board that the Board

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