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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4073

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4073 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 administered under
16 Section 9.44 of the Board of Higher Education Act;

17 (3) develop standards and guidelines for residency and
18 health professions education and training programs funded
19 under Section 9.44 of the Board of Higher Education Act;

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

24 (5) explore options for developing a broad graduate

1 medical education and health professions education and
2 training funding strategy;

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

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

10 and

11 (8) review and recommend health professions career
12 pathways or ladders.

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

17 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
18 Section 5.1015 as follows:

19 (30 ILCS 105/5.1015 new)

20 Sec. 5.1015. The Medical Residency Fund.

21 Section 15. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended
22 by adding Section 9.44 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 205/9.44 new)

2 Sec. 9.44. Medical residencies; program.

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

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

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

11 (3) startup funding for entities that wish to
12 establish a residency program.

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

18 (1) graduate individuals who practice in medically
19 underserved areas in the State; and

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

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

1 (d) An entity receiving funding under the program shall
2 provide any information requested by the Board that the Board
3 determines is necessary to administer this Section.

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

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