

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. 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.

17 Section 5. The Comprehensive Healthcare Workforce Planning
18 Act is amended by adding Sections 30 and 35 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;

11 (3) develop standards and guidelines for residency and
12 health professions education and training programs;

13 (4) review outcomes data from funded programs, as
14 provided to the Council by the Department, to reprioritize
15 and reassess the graduate medical education and health
16 professions education and training needs of communities;

17 (5) explore options for developing a broad graduate
18 medical education and health professions education and
19 training funding strategy;

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

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

1 and

2 (8) review and recommend health professions career
3 pathways or ladders.

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

8 (20 ILCS 2325/35 new)

9 Sec. 35. Medical residencies; program.

10 (a) The Council shall establish a program to provide:

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

14 (2) technical assistance for entities that wish to
15 establish a residency program, including, but not limited
16 to, entities that are not licensed hospitals or federally
17 qualified health centers; and

18 (3) startup funding for entities that wish to
19 establish a residency program.

20 (b) The Council shall establish an application process for
21 an entity seeking funding. The application and contract
22 criteria shall be based on health care workforce needs and
23 priorities. When funding new medical residency positions,
24 priority shall be given to programs that strive to:

25 (1) graduate individuals who practice in medically

1 underserved areas in the State; and

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

4 (c) An entity receiving funding under the program shall
5 provide any information requested by the Council that the
6 Council determines is necessary to administer this Section.

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

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

20 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
21 Section 5.1030 as follows:

22 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

23 Sec. 5.1030. The Medical Residency Fund.