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Wellness.

1 AN ACT Relating to family medicine residencies in health
2 professional shortage areas; amending RCW 70.112.020 and 70.112.060;
3 reenacting and amending RCW 70.112.010; adding a new section to
4 chapter 44.28 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 70.112 RCW; and
5 creating a new section.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
8 increase the number of family medicine physicians in shortage areas
9 in the state by providing a fiscal incentive for hospitals and
10 clinics to develop or expand residency programs in these areas. The
11 legislature also intends to encourage family medicine residents to
12 work in shortage areas by funding the health professional loan
13 repayment and scholarship program.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.28
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) The joint committee shall conduct a performance audit and
17 evaluation of the family medicine residency programs created in
18 chapter 70.112 RCW.

19 (2) The audit must:

1 (a) Determine the locations of the residency programs, whether
2 the programs are in health professional shortage areas as defined in
3 RCW 70.112.010, and how the distribution of programs changes over
4 time;

5 (b) Compare the number of residents who attended an in-state
6 versus an out-of-state medical school;

7 (c) Compare the number of residents in family medicine versus
8 specialty areas; and

9 (d) Determine whether graduates of the residency programs in
10 health professional shortage areas continue to work within shortage
11 areas.

12 (3) The joint committee shall report to the appropriate
13 legislative committees of the house of representatives and the senate
14 the results of its findings by November 1, 2016, and November 1st
15 every even year thereafter.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.112.010 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 41 are each
17 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

18 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
19 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

20 (1) "Advisory board" means the family medicine education advisory
21 board created in section 6 of this act.

22 (2) "Affiliated" means established or developed in cooperation
23 with the schools of medicine.

24 ((+2)) (3) "Family ((practice)) medicine unit" means the
25 community facility or classroom used for training of ambulatory
26 health skills within a residency training program.

27 ((+3)) (4) "Health professional shortage areas" has the
28 definition in RCW 28B.115.020.

29 (5) "Residency programs" ((mean[s])) means community-based
30 ((family—practice)) residency educational programs in family
31 medicine, internal medicine, and related primary care areas, either
32 in existence or established under this chapter and that are certified
33 by the accreditation council for graduate medical education or by the
34 American osteopathic association.

35 ((+4)) (6) "Schools of medicine" means the University of
36 Washington school of medicine located in Seattle, Washington; the
37 Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences located in Yakima,
38 Washington; and any other such medical schools that are accredited by
39 the liaison committee on medical education or the American

1 osteopathic association's commission on osteopathic college
2 accreditation, and that either locate their entire four-year medical
3 program in Washington or are affiliated with the regional medical
4 education program housed at the University of Washington.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.112.020 and 2012 c 117 s 426 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) There is established a statewide medical education system for
8 the purpose of training resident physicians in family ((practice))
9 medicine.

10 (2) The deans of the schools of medicine shall be responsible for
11 implementing the development and expansion of residency programs in
12 cooperation with the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics
13 located throughout the state. The ((chair of the department of family
14 medicine in the)) schools of medicine shall ((determine where
15 affiliated residency programs shall exist)) support development of
16 high quality, accredited, affiliated residency programs; giving
17 consideration to communities in the state where the population,
18 hospital facilities, number of physicians, and interest in medical
19 education indicate the potential success of the residency program and
20 prioritizing support for health professional shortage areas in the
21 state.

22 (3) The medical education system shall provide financial support
23 for residents in training for those programs which are affiliated
24 with the schools of medicine and shall establish positions for
25 appropriate faculty to staff these programs.

26 (4) The schools of medicine shall coordinate with the office of
27 student financial assistance to notify prospective family medicine
28 students and residents of their eligibility for the health
29 professional loan repayment and scholarship program, under chapter
30 28B.115 RCW.

31 (5) The number of programs shall be determined by the board and
32 be in keeping with the needs of the state.

33 **Sec. 5.** RCW 70.112.060 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 108 s 6 are each
34 amended to read as follows:

35 (1) The moneys appropriated for these statewide family medicine
36 residency programs shall be in addition to all the income of the
37 ((University of Washington and its)) schools of medicine and shall

1 not be used to supplant funds for other programs under the
2 administration of the schools of medicine.

3 (2) The allocation of state funds for the residency programs
4 shall not exceed fifty percent of the total cost of the program.

5 (3) No more than twenty-five percent of the appropriation for
6 each fiscal year for the affiliated programs shall be authorized for
7 expenditures made in support of the faculty and staff of the school
8 of medicine who are associated with the affiliated residency programs
9 and are located at the school of medicine.

10 (4) No funds for the purposes of this chapter shall be used to
11 subsidize the cost of care incurred by patients.

12 (5) No funds for the purposes of this chapter shall be used for
13 administrative or overhead costs to administer the statewide family
14 medicine residency programs.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 70.112
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 There is created a family medicine education advisory board,
18 which shall consist of eight members, with the deans of the schools
19 of medicine serving as cochairs. Other members of the board will be:

20 (1) The chairs of the departments of family medicine at the
21 schools of medicine;

22 (2) Two citizen members, one from west of the crest of the
23 Cascade mountains and one from east of the crest of the Cascade
24 mountains, to be appointed by the governor;

25 (3) A member appointed by the Washington state medical
26 association;

27 (4) A member appointed by the Washington osteopathic medical
28 association;

29 (5) A member appointed by the Washington state academy of family
30 physicians;

31 (6) A hospital administrator representing those Washington
32 hospitals with family medicine residency programs, appointed by the
33 governor; and

34 (7) A director representing the directors of community-based
35 family medicine residency programs, appointed by the governor.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 70.112
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 The deans and chairs of the departments of family medicine at the
2 schools of medicine shall be permanent members of the advisory board.
3 Other members will be initially appointed as follows: Terms of the
4 two public members shall be two years; the member from the medical
5 association and the hospital administrator, three years; and the
6 remaining two members, four years. Thereafter, terms for the
7 nonpermanent members shall be four years; members may serve two
8 consecutive terms; and new appointments shall be filled in the same
9 manner as for original appointments. Vacancies shall be filled for an
10 unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 70.112
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 The advisory board shall advise the deans and the chairs of the
14 departments of family medicine in the implementation of the
15 educational programs provided for in this chapter; including, but not
16 limited to, the selection of the areas within the state where
17 affiliate residency programs shall exist, the allocation of funds
18 appropriated under this chapter, and the procedures for review and
19 evaluation of the residency programs.

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