

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE LAW RELATED TO THE
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY EXPANSION BOARD;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE LAW RELATED TO
THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY
EXPANSION BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2001(a), concerning the establishment of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is established the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board, which shall administer the program under this subchapter and shall be composed of:

- (1) One ~~(1)~~ representative from each medical school institution in Arkansas;
- (2) ~~Two (2) physician members~~ One (1) physician member appointed by the Arkansas State Medical Board, giving preference to a ~~a physicians~~ physician who ~~have~~ has received a rural medical practice ~~loans~~ loan, a community match ~~loans~~ loan, or an income ~~incentives~~ incentive;
- (3) Two (2) representatives appointed by the Arkansas Hospital Association, Inc.; and
- (4) One (1) representative from the Accreditation Council for



Graduate Medical Education-designated sponsoring institution in this state that has the largest number of residency positions approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2001, concerning the establishment of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) The term of office of a member of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board shall be for a single term of three (3) years.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2002(b), concerning the duties of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board with respect to planning grants, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board shall:

- (1) Allocate funds appropriated for purposes of this subchapter;
- (2) Award a one-time planning grant under this section to an

entity in this state that:

(A) ~~Has never had~~ Is in the process of creating a graduate medical education program; ~~and or~~

(B) ~~Is eligible for Medicare funding of~~ expanding an existing graduate medical education program;

(3) Award planning grants on a competitive basis according to the criteria adopted by the board under its rules; and

(4) Determine the number of planning grants awarded and the amount of each planning grant.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2004(a), concerning prioritization of planning grants by the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board determines that the number of first-year residency positions proposed by eligible applicants under § 6-82-2003 exceeds the amount of funding appropriated for the planning grants under this subchapter, the board:

(1) May give priority for up to fifty percent (50%) of the funded first-year residency positions to be in ~~primary care or other critical shortage areas in this state;~~

(A) Primary care; or

(B) A field in which this state has less than eighty percent (80%) of the national average of physicians per one hundred thousand (100,000) people, as determined by the board based on the Association of American Medical Colleges State Physician Workforce Data Report; and

(2) Shall not reduce planning grant amounts awarded for each resident position, but may proportionately reduce the number of positions funded for each graduate medical education program.

/s/L. Johnson