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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1485

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Cody, Schmick, Shea, Zeiger, Tarleton, Tharinger, and Riccelli)

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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 new sections to  
4 chapter 70.112 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.112  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Each family medicine residency program shall annually report  
16 the following information to the department of health:

17 (a) The location of the residency program and whether the  
18 program, or any portion of the program, is located in a health  
19 professional shortage area as defined in RCW 70.112.010;

1 (b) The number of residents in the program and the number who  
2 attended an in-state versus an out-of-state medical school; and

3 (c) The number of graduates of the residency program who work  
4 within health professional shortage areas.

5 (2) The department of health shall aggregate the information  
6 received under subsection (1) of this section and report it to the  
7 appropriate legislative committees of the house of representatives  
8 and the senate by November 1, 2016, and November 1st every even year  
9 thereafter. The report must also include information on how the  
10 geographic distribution of family residency programs changes over  
11 time and, if information on the number of residents in specialty  
12 areas is readily available, a comparison of the number of residents  
13 in family medicine versus specialty areas.

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

16 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
17 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

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

22 ~~((2) "Family practice unit" means the community facility or~~  
23 ~~classroom used for training of ambulatory health skills within a~~  
24 ~~residency training program.))~~

25 (3) "Health professional shortage areas" has the same definition  
26 as in RCW 28B.115.020.

27 (4) "Residency programs" ~~((mean[s]))~~ means community-based  
28 ~~((family practice))~~ residency educational programs in family  
29 medicine, either in existence or established under this chapter and  
30 that are certified by the accreditation council for graduate medical  
31 education or by the American osteopathic association.

32 ~~((4))~~ (5) "Schools of medicine" means the University of  
33 Washington school of medicine located in Seattle, Washington; the  
34 Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences located in Yakima,  
35 Washington; and any other such medical schools that are accredited by  
36 the liaison committee on medical education or the American  
37 osteopathic association's commission on osteopathic college  
38 accreditation, and that locate their entire four-year medical program  
39 in Washington.

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

3       (1) There is established a statewide medical education system for  
4 the purpose of training resident physicians in family ((~~practice~~))  
5 medicine.

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

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

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

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

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

31       (1) The moneys appropriated for these statewide family medicine  
32 residency programs shall be in addition to all the income of the  
33 ((~~University of Washington and its~~)) schools of medicine and shall  
34 not be used to supplant funds for other programs under the  
35 administration of the schools of medicine.

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

38       (3) No more than twenty-five percent of the appropriation for  
39 each fiscal year for the affiliated programs shall be authorized for

1 expenditures made in support of the faculty and staff of the schools  
2 of medicine who are associated with the affiliated residency programs  
3 and are located at the schools of medicine.

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

6 (5) No more than ten percent of the state funds appropriated for  
7 the purposes of this chapter may be used for administrative or  
8 overhead costs to administer the statewide family medicine residency  
9 programs.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 70.112  
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) There is created a family medicine education advisory board,  
13 which must consist of the following nine members:

14 (a) One member appointed by the dean of the school of medicine at  
15 the University of Washington school of medicine;

16 (b) One member appointed by the dean of the school of medicine at  
17 the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences;

18 (c) Two citizen members, one from west of the crest of the  
19 Cascade mountains and one from east of the crest of the Cascade  
20 mountains, to be appointed by the governor;

21 (d) One member appointed by the Washington state medical  
22 association;

23 (e) One member appointed by the Washington osteopathic medical  
24 association;

25 (f) One member appointed by the Washington state academy of  
26 family physicians;

27 (g) One hospital administrator representing those Washington  
28 hospitals with family medicine residency programs, appointed by the  
29 Washington state hospital association;

30 (h) One director representing the directors of community-based  
31 family medicine residency programs, appointed by the family medicine  
32 residency network;

33 (i) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the  
34 speaker of the house; and

35 (j) One member of the senate appointed by the president of the  
36 senate.

37 (2) The two members of the advisory board appointed by the deans  
38 of the schools of medicine shall serve as chairs of the advisory  
39 board.

1 (3) The cochairs of the advisory board, appointed by the deans of  
2 the schools of medicine, shall serve as permanent members of the  
3 advisory board without specified term limits. The deans of the  
4 schools of medicine have the authority to replace the chair  
5 representing their school. The deans of the schools of medicine shall  
6 appoint a new member in the event that the member representing their  
7 school vacates his or her position.

8 (4) Other members must be initially appointed as follows: Terms  
9 of the two public members must be two years; terms of the members  
10 appointed by the medical association and the hospital association  
11 must be three years; and the remaining members must be four years.  
12 Thereafter, terms for the nonpermanent members must be four years.  
13 Members may serve two consecutive terms. New appointments must be  
14 filled in the same manner as for original appointments. Vacancies  
15 must be filled for an unexpired term in the manner of the original  
16 appointment.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 70.112  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 The advisory board shall consider and provide recommendations on  
20 the selection of the areas within the state where affiliate residency  
21 programs could exist, the allocation of funds appropriated under this  
22 chapter, and the procedures for review and evaluation of the  
23 residency programs.

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