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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1643, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES;
RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1643, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1643. Arizona area health education system; centers;
5 governing boards; duties; report; primary care
6 residency programs; definition

7 A. The Arizona board of regents shall establish the Arizona area
8 health education system in the college of medicine of the university of
9 Arizona. The board shall appoint a system director.

10 B. The system shall consist of six area health education centers
11 administered by the director of the Arizona area health education
12 system. Each center shall represent a geographic area with specified
13 populations that the system determines currently lack services by the
14 health care professions. One center shall focus on the Indian health care
15 delivery system.

16 C. The Arizona board of regents shall appoint a governing board for
17 each center consisting of not fewer than ten people and not more than
18 twenty people. Board membership shall consist of health care providers
19 and consumers and shall reflect the ethnic representation of the center's
20 geographic area. Each governing board shall make recommendations to the
21 director regarding health professionals' educational needs, local program
22 priorities and the allocation of system monies. Board members are not
23 eligible to receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

24 D. Each center shall conduct:

25 1. Physician and other health professional education programs that
26 consist of any of the following:

27 (a) An undergraduate clinical training program.

28 (b) A graduate program.

29 (c) Postgraduate continuing education.

30 2. Programs to recruit and retain minority students in health
31 professions.

32 3. Continuing education programs for health professionals.

33 E. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024, THE ARIZONA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION
34 SYSTEM SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
35 AND RURAL HEALTH CLINICS THAT DOES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

36 1. SUPPORTS AND EXPANDS THE NUMBER OF PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY
37 POSITIONS.

38 2. PROVIDES SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STARTING OR
39 EXPANDING PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IN RURAL AREAS AND HEALTH
40 PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS.

41 3. FACILITATES INFORMATION AND RESOURCE SHARING AND PROVIDES
42 TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING PRECEPTOR TRAINING AND
43 DEVELOPMENT, CONTINUING EDUCATION, MEDICAL LIBRARY ACCESS AND OTHER
44 FUNCTIONS, TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS OF QUALIFYING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
45 AND RURAL HEALTH CLINIC PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS.

1 ~~F.~~ F. The director shall submit a written report on or before
2 November 15 of each year to the governor, the president of the senate and
3 the speaker of the house of representatives. The report shall contain the
4 following:

- 5 1. The fiscal status of each center.
- 6 2. Information regarding center education, outreach and training
7 programs.
- 8 3. Information regarding placement of health care personnel in
9 areas the director determines are underserved by these professionals.
- 10 4. An assessment of system accomplishments.
- 11 5. Recommendations for possible legislative action.

12 ~~F.~~ G. The system shall provide expertise and administrative
13 services to each center.

14 H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PRIMARY CARE" MEANS FAMILY
15 MEDICINE, INTERNAL MEDICINE, PEDIATRICS, PEDIATRIC INTERNAL MEDICINE,
16 PSYCHIATRY, OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, GERIATRICS OR GENERAL SURGERY.

17 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona area health education system;
18 primary care residency programs; exemption

19 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated onetime from the state
20 general fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona area health education
21 system for the purposes of section 15-1643, subsection E, Arizona Revised
22 Statutes, as added by this act. The Arizona area health education system
23 may use up to \$500,000 of the appropriation to support a collaborative of
24 qualifying community health centers' and rural health clinics' primary
25 care residency programs.

26 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
27 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
28 to lapsing of appropriations.

29 Sec. 3. Appropriations; Arizona health care cost containment
30 system administration; primary care graduate
31 medical education; exemption

32 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
33 fund in each of fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 to the
34 Arizona health care cost containment system administration for the
35 purposes of section 36-2907.06, subsection I, paragraph 4, Arizona Revised
36 Statutes, for the direct and indirect costs of primary care graduate
37 medical education at qualifying community health centers and rural health
38 clinics.

39 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
40 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
41 to lapsing of appropriations.