

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 480

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING A GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM; CREATING THE GRADUATE MEDICAL
EDUCATION EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM FUND; PROVIDING FUNDING TO
CREATE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY PROGRAMS; CREATING THE
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION REVIEW BOARD; PROVIDING
DUTIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be
cited as the "Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant
Program Act".

SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the
Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act:

A. "department" means the human services
department;

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1 B. "graduate medical education training program"
2 means a program that has received approval or is in the process
3 of seeking approval to operate as a graduate medical education
4 training program sponsor from the appropriate professional
5 association that evaluates and accredits medical residency and
6 internship programs, including:

- 7 (1) a licensed and accredited hospital;
- 8 (2) an academic medical education institution;
- 9 (3) a new freestanding graduate medical
10 education program;
- 11 (4) an established or new graduate medical
12 education training consortium; and
- 13 (5) a federally qualified health center; and

14 C. "secretary" means the secretary of human
15 services.

16 SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
17 EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM--FUND--DISTRIBUTIONS--APPLICATION
18 REQUIREMENTS--PRIORITIES FOR AWARDS--REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--

19 A. The "graduate medical education expansion grant
20 program fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund
21 consists of money appropriated by the legislature. Money in
22 the fund shall not revert to any other fund at the end of a
23 fiscal year. The secretary shall administer the fund, and
24 money in the fund is appropriated to the department to
25 administer the provisions of the Graduate Medical Education

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1 Expansion Grant Program Act. Money in the fund may be utilized
2 to secure federal and private matching funds as determined by
3 the secretary. Money in the fund shall be disbursed on
4 warrants signed by the secretary of finance and administration
5 pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of human services
6 or the secretary's authorized representative.

7 B. To receive a grant, a graduate medical education
8 training program shall apply to the graduate medical education
9 expansion grant program, pursuant to rules adopted by the
10 secretary. Grant amounts will be determined by each entity's
11 grant application. Funds from the graduate medical education
12 expansion grant program fund shall be distributed to graduate
13 medical education training programs to develop and implement
14 graduate medical education training programs. The application
15 must include the applicant's plan to receive accreditation for
16 the positions within the graduate medical education training
17 program.

18 C. The department may provide one-time planning
19 grants to graduate medical education training programs pursuant
20 to rules adopted by the secretary.

21 D. The department may provide graduate medical
22 education grants to:

23 (1) establish new graduate medical education
24 training programs with first-year positions;

25 (2) fund unfilled, accredited first-year

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1 positions within a graduate medical education training program;

2 (3) expand the number of first-year positions
3 within an existing graduate medical education training program;
4 and

5 (4) fund existing graduate medical education
6 training programs.

7 E. The department may prioritize applications that
8 emphasize the following:

9 (1) developing new or expanded programs with
10 specialties of psychiatry, family medicine, pediatric medicine
11 and internal medicine;

12 (2) increasing positions for medical
13 specialities having shortages within the state, with preference
14 being given to the primary care specialties of family medicine,
15 pediatric medicine and internal medicine; and

16 (3) increasing primary care positions in
17 medically underserved areas within the state.

18 F. Each award recipient shall report annually to
19 the graduate medical education expansion review board on the:

20 (1) expenditures of grant funds; and

21 (2) plans for unexpended funds.

22 SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
23 EXPANSION REVIEW BOARD--CREATED--DUTIES.--

24 A. Prior to October 1, 2019, the department shall
25 create the "graduate medical education expansion review board"

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1 to:

2 (1) develop a state strategic plan for
3 expanding graduate medical education training programs;

4 (2) review grant applications; and

5 (3) review the grants awarded pursuant to the
6 Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program Act.

7 B. The graduate medical education expansion review
8 board shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by
9 the department. The review board shall include representation
10 from each accredited osteopathic and allopathic medical school
11 and from the following groups:

12 (1) the department;

13 (2) the higher education department;

14 (3) hospitals, primary care consortiums and
15 medical organizations; and

16 (4) osteopathic and allopathic medical
17 professional societies and associations.

18 C. The chair of the review board shall be elected
19 by the review board. The review board shall meet at the call
20 of the chair.

21 D. Members of the review board shall not be paid
22 per diem and mileage or other compensation for their services.

23 E. The secretary shall provide staff support for
24 the review board in the performance of its duties.

25 F. A simple majority of the review board members

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1 constitutes a quorum. A member of the review board shall
2 abstain from voting or the member's vote shall be disqualified
3 on any matter in which the member has a pecuniary interest.

4 G. The secretary of human services and the
5 secretary of higher education shall assist the graduate medical
6 education expansion review board in developing a strategic plan
7 for the expansion of graduate medical education training
8 programs, which shall include the following:

9 (1) a statement describing the objectives and
10 goals of the review board, the strategies by which those goals
11 will be achieved and a time line for achieving those goals;

12 (2) a summary of the current graduate medical
13 education training programs throughout the state;

14 (3) a five-year plan for expanding graduate
15 medical education training programs in the state;

16 (4) an evaluation of the standards and
17 curriculum guidelines for graduate medical education training
18 programs;

19 (5) an ongoing evaluation process of funds
20 distributed through the graduate medical education expansion
21 grant program that is overseen by the review board; and

22 (6) a plan to ensure long-term sustainability.

23 H. The graduate medical education expansion review
24 board shall review applications to the graduate medical
25 education expansion grant program and provide recommendations

1 to the secretary.

2 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.**--Five million dollars
3 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
4 graduate medical education expansion grant program fund for
5 expenditure in fiscal year 2020 and subsequent fiscal years for
6 the purposes of that fund. No more than five percent of this
7 appropriation shall be used by the human services department
8 for administrative expenses. Any unexpended or unencumbered
9 balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
10 to the general fund.

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