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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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14 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE LAW RELATED TO  
15 THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY  
16 EXPANSION BOARD.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2001(a), concerning the establishment  
22 of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

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

27 (1) One (1) representative from each medical school institution  
28 in Arkansas;

29 (2) Two (2) physician members appointed by the Arkansas State  
30 Medical Board, giving preference to physicians who have received rural  
31 medical practice loans, community match loans, or income incentives; and

32 (3) Two (2) representatives appointed by the Arkansas Hospital  
33 Association, Inc.  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2002(b), concerning the duties of the  
36 Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board with respect to planning



1 grants, is amended to read as follows:

2 (b) The board shall:

3 (1) Allocate funds appropriated for purposes of this subchapter;

4 (2) Award a one-time planning grant under this section to an  
5 entity in this state that:

6 (A) Has never had a graduate medical education program;  
7 ~~and or~~

8 (B) Is eligible for Medicare funding of additional  
9 graduate medical education residencies;

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

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

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15 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2004(a), concerning prioritization of  
16 planning grants by the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board,  
17 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

25 (A) Primary care; or

26 (B) A field in which this state has less than eighty  
27 percent (80%) of the national average of physicians per one hundred thousand  
28 (100,000) people, as determined by the board; and

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