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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~~ One (1) physician member appointed
30 by the Arkansas State Medical Board, giving preference to ~~a physicians~~
31 physician who ~~have~~ has received a rural medical practice loans loan, a
32 community match loans loan, or an income incentives incentive;

33 (3) Two (2) representatives appointed by the Arkansas Hospital
34 Association, Inc.; and

35 (4) One (1) representative from the Accreditation Council for
36 Graduate Medical Education-designated sponsoring institution in this state



1 that has the largest number of residency positions approved by the
2 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

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

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

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

13 (b) The board shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (A) Primary care; or

