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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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## Subtitle

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TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE LAW RELATED TO  
16 THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY  
17 EXPANSION BOARD.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2001(a), concerning the establishment  
23 of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board, is amended to  
24 read as follows:

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

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

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(2) ~~Two (2) physician members~~ One (1) physician member appointed  
by the Arkansas State Medical Board, giving preference to a ~~physicians~~  
physician who ~~have~~ has received a rural medical practice ~~loans~~ loan, a  
community match ~~loans~~ loan, or an income ~~incentives~~ incentive;

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

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(4) One (1) representative from the Accreditation Council for



1 Graduate Medical Education-designated sponsoring institution in this state  
2 that has the largest number of residency positions approved by the  
3 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

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

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

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

14 (b) The board shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(A) Primary care; or

(B) A field in which this state has less than eighty percent (80%) of the national average of physicians per one hundred thousand (100,000) people, as determined by the board based on the Association of American Medical Colleges State Physician Workforce Data Report; and

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

*/s/L. Johnson*

**APPROVED: 4/30/21**