



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 587

SENATE BILL NO. 298

By Briggs, Stevens, Akbari, Bailey, Crowe, Hensley, Jackson, Kelsey, Massey, Watson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 443

By Vaughan, Gillespie, Williams, Hazlewood, Hardaway, Gary Hicks, Ogles, Smith, Moody, Todd, Love, Helton, Thompson, Terry, Howell, Gant, Alexander, Freeman, Hurt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 33; Title 49; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to medical education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-703, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(e)(1) In addition to the resident training opportunities created by subsection (c), and subject to specific appropriation of funds by the general assembly, the University of Tennessee College of Medicine and the East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine, in cooperation with the department of health and the Tennessee higher education commission, shall administer additional resident training opportunities focusing on family medicine, general pediatrics, primary care medicine-pediatrics, and psychiatry to provide medical and behavioral health services in medically underserved areas and rural counties, distributed across all three (3) grand divisions of this state.

(2) The University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State University may contract with other accredited medical schools and sponsoring institutions of residency programs approved by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to provide doctor of medicine resident training opportunities consistent with this subsection (e).

(3) The resident training opportunities created under this subsection (e):

(A) Must be open to all qualified candidates and filled through the existing matching process used for graduate medical education;

(B) Must make maximum feasible use of non-state funds from the federal government, private sources, and fees for services in a manner that is consistent with accreditation standards when developing and implementing the additional resident training opportunities; and

(C) Are not eligible for graduate medical education funds distributed by the bureau of TennCare pursuant to § 71-5-2005(d)(1)(C).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) In addition to the resident training programs provided in this part, and subject to specific appropriation of funds by the general assembly, there is created a resident training program to provide resident training opportunities for physicians focusing on family medicine and general internal medicine to provide medical and behavioral health services in medically underserved areas and rural counties, distributed across all three (3) grand divisions of this state.

(b) A private, nonprofit college or university having a college of osteopathic medicine located in Claiborne County, in cooperation with the department of health and the Tennessee higher education commission, shall administer the resident training program described in subsection (a).

(c) A private, nonprofit college or university having a college of osteopathic medicine located in Claiborne County may contract with other accredited medical schools and sponsoring institutions of residency programs approved by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to provide physician resident training opportunities consistent with this section.

(d) The resident training opportunities created pursuant to subsection (a):

(1) Must use ACGME-accredited, family medicine or general internal medicine residency programs with institutional sponsors that are either local community hospitals or community health systems;

(2) Shall not use residency programs with institutional sponsors that are universities or medical schools;

(3) Must be open to all qualified candidates and filled using the matching process used for graduate medical education that exists on the effective date of this act;

(4) Must make maximum feasible use of non-state funds from the federal government, private sources, and fees for services in a manner that is consistent with accreditation standards when developing and implementing the additional resident training opportunities created by this section; and

(5) Are not eligible for graduate medical education funds distributed by the bureau of TennCare pursuant to § 71-5-2005(d)(1)(C).

SECTION 3. It is the intent of the general assembly that, of the state funds appropriated to implement this act during the 2021-2022 state fiscal year, four million dollars (\$4,000,000) be allocated for the implementation of the resident training opportunities described in SECTION 1, and that one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) be allocated for the implementation of the resident training opportunities described in SECTION 2.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 4, 2021



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR