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Introduced by Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Beyor of Highgate,
Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of
Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Gage of Rutland City,
Helm of Fair Haven, Hoyt of Norwich, Hubert of Milton,
Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Koch of Barre Town, Larocque of
Barnet, Macaig of Williston, Myers of Essex, Pearce of
Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Savage of
Swanton, Shaw of Derby, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Webb of
Shelburne, and Winters of Williamstown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; College of Medicine; scholarship

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a
competitive scholarship program for Vermont residents attending the
University of Vermont College of Medicine who agree to practice as
physicians in Vermont for no fewer than eight years following licensure.
Scholarship awards would funded by disbursements from the Higher Education
Endowment Trust Fund and other sources.

1 An act relating to creating a University of Vermont College of Medicine
2 Scholarship Program

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 2888 is added to read:

5 § 2888. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

6 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

7 (a) Program creation. There is created a University of Vermont College of
8 Medicine (College) Scholarship Program to encourage Vermonters to enroll in
9 the College and practice as physicians in Vermont for no fewer than eight
10 years following licensure.

11 (b) Eligibility. The Dean of the College and the President of University of
12 Vermont shall appoint a committee to determine eligibility for scholarships
13 and to develop all organizational details consistent with the purposes and
14 requirements of this section. At a minimum, the Program shall require the
15 following:

16 (1) Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.

17 (2) Awards are made only in exchange for a commitment from an
18 eligible individual to practice as a physician in Vermont for no fewer than
19 eight years following licensure and to repay the scholarship on a pro-rata basis
20 if he or she fails to do so.

21 (3) An individual is eligible for a scholarship only if he or she:

1 (A) is a graduate of a Vermont public secondary school, a public
2 school in another state that is designated as the public school for the student's
3 district of residence, or an approved or recognized independent secondary
4 school located in Vermont or was a home study student classified as a Vermont
5 resident by the College;

6 (B) is enrolled in the College; and

7 (C) demonstrates a high likelihood of academic success and remains
8 in academic good standing during enrollment.

9 (4) Scholarships are awarded for either the full or partial cost of tuition
10 for all years of a successful applicant's enrollment in the College; provided,
11 however, that a successful applicant shall submit documentation annually as
12 may be required by the Program.

13 (c) Reports. Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Dean of the College
14 shall report annually in January to the General Assembly regarding
15 implementation of the Program, including the projected cost of making awards
16 under this section during the then-current fiscal year and each of the four years
17 following.

18 (d) Funding. Scholarships awarded under the Program shall be funded by
19 disbursements from the Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund pursuant to
20 subsection 2886(d) and (e) of this title, from other scholarship funds managed

1 by the College and the University of Vermont, and from grants or gifts made to
2 the College for the Program.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014 and, pursuant to the terms of
5 16 V.S.A. § 2888, scholarship awards shall be available to Vermont students
6 enrolled in the University of Vermont College of Medicine in August 2016
7 and after.