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SYNOPSIS

Requires that certain medical education programs give priority to certain applicants.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning medical education and supplementing Title 26
2 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 “Accredited State-supported medical school” means one of the
9 four public medical schools in the State: Cooper Medical School of
10 Rowan University, Rowan University School of Osteopathic
11 Medicine, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, or Rutgers Robert
12 Wood Johnson Medical School.

13 “Graduate medical education program” means a supervised
14 residency training period or fellowship accredited by the
15 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

16 “Resident” means an applicant who resided in the State at the
17 time of the applicant’s graduation from a high school in the State.

18 “Third and fourth year student clerkships” means the supervised
19 practice of medicine by medical students that usually takes place
20 during the third and fourth years of medical school.

21 b. A teaching hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
22 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) that accepts State funding for graduate medical
23 education programs shall grant priority consideration to an
24 otherwise competitive applicant who is a resident or who is enrolled
25 and in good academic standing at an accredited medical school in
26 the State when considering applicants for placement in a residency
27 or fellowship at that hospital. The failure of a teaching hospital to
28 grant such priority consideration shall result in the reallocation by
29 the State of 20 percent of the teaching hospital’s Medicaid funding
30 for graduate medical education programs.

31 c. A teaching hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
32 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) that accepts State funding for graduate medical
33 education programs shall grant priority consideration for placement
34 in third and fourth year student clerkships at the hospital to medical
35 students who are enrolled and in good academic standing at an
36 accredited State-supported medical school. The failure of a teaching
37 hospital to grant such priority consideration shall result in the
38 reallocation by the State of 20 percent of the teaching hospital’s
39 Medicaid funding for graduate medical education programs.

40 d. A teaching hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136
41 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) that accepts State funding for graduate medical
42 education programs shall grant priority consideration to any written
43 request made by the administration of an accredited State-supported
44 medical school for placements in third and fourth year student
45 clerkships at that hospital for students of that accredited State-
46 supported medical school. Following receipt of such a request, a
47 teaching hospital shall either, reduce, within one academic year, the
48 number of third and fourth year clerkships provided to students

1 enrolled in medical schools outside of the State as necessary to
2 fulfill the request of the accredited State-supported medical school,
3 or, 20 percent of the teaching hospital's Medicaid funding for
4 graduate medical education programs shall be reallocated by the
5 State to a teaching hospital that fulfills the request by the
6 administration of an accredited State-supported medical school for
7 placements for its students in third and fourth year student
8 clerkships.

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10 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such
11 State plan amendments or waivers as are necessary to secure federal
12 financial participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the
13 federal Medicaid program. The Commissioner of Human Services,
14 in consultation with the Commissioner of Health shall prescribe
15 such procedures and forms, and take such other actions, as the
16 commissioners determine necessary to effectuate the provisions of
17 this act.

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19 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the State fiscal
20 year next commencing after the date of enactment.

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23 STATEMENT

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25 This bill provides that a teaching hospital licensed pursuant to
26 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) that accepts State funding for
27 graduate medical education programs is to grant priority
28 consideration to an otherwise competitive applicant who is a
29 resident or who is enrolled and in good academic standing at an
30 accredited medical school in the State when considering applicants
31 for placement in a residency or fellowship at that hospital. Failure
32 to grant such priority consideration would result in the reallocation
33 by the State of 20 percent of the hospital's Medicaid funding for
34 graduate medical education programs.

35 The bill further provides that any teaching hospital licensed
36 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) that accepts State
37 funding for graduate medical education programs is to grant priority
38 consideration for third and fourth year student clerkships at the
39 hospital to medical students who are enrolled and in good academic
40 standing at an accredited State-supported medical school. Failure to
41 grant such priority consideration would result in the reallocation by
42 the State of 20 percent of the hospital's Medicaid funding for
43 graduate medical education programs.

44 The bill also provides that a teaching hospital licensed pursuant
45 to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) that accepts State funding for
46 graduate medical education programs is to grant priority
47 consideration to any written request made by the administration of
48 an accredited State-supported medical school for placements in

1 third and fourth year student clerkships at that hospital for students
2 of that medical school. Following receipt of such a request, a
3 teaching hospital is to either, reduce, within one academic year, the
4 number of third and fourth year clerkships provided to students
5 enrolled in medical schools outside of the State, as necessary to
6 fulfill the request, or 20 percent of the hospital's Medicaid funding
7 for graduate medical education programs would be reallocated to a
8 teaching hospital that fulfills the request by the administration of an
9 accredited State-supported medical school for placements for its
10 students in third and fourth year student clerkships.

11 The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Human Services to
12 apply for such State plan amendments or waivers as are necessary
13 to secure federal financial participation for State Medicaid
14 expenditures under the federal Medicaid program. The
15 Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with the
16 Commissioner of Health, is to prescribe such procedures and forms,
17 and take such other actions, as the commissioners determine
18 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.