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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish rural medical education programs.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 263.15 RURAL MEDICAL EDUCATION -  
2 - FINDINGS -- CENTER ESTABLISHED -- STUDENT POPULATIONS.

3 1. The general assembly finds that, given the critical  
4 shortages in the numbers of physicians practicing and entering  
5 practice in the rural areas of the state and the need to  
6 assist and replenish that cadre of medical professionals,  
7 special consideration should be given to creating programs  
8 which focus on the needs and problems which are peculiar to a  
9 rural practice. The general assembly further finds that given  
10 the special ties and intimate familiarity that a person who is  
11 a member of a small community has with the members of that  
12 community and the likelihood that a person who is a member of  
13 a small community, if they return to the community upon  
14 graduation from medical school, will have fewer adjustment  
15 problems and be more likely to remain in the community, that  
16 an effort should be made to encourage persons from small  
17 communities or rural areas to enter the medical profession.  
18 The center for rural medical education is therefore  
19 established to assist in providing special training which is  
20 focused on rural needs and difficulties. The state board of  
21 regents is also encouraged to set goals for the admission of  
22 students who are from the rural portions of this state.

23 2. The state board of regents shall establish and maintain  
24 at Iowa City, as an integral part of the college of medicine  
25 at the university of Iowa, a center for rural medicine. The  
26 center for rural medicine shall provide initial training and  
27 continuing education for persons who are or will be engaged in  
28 the practice of medicine in communities with populations of  
29 fewer than five thousand inhabitants or in areas of the state  
30 that, due to size of surrounding communities, are considered  
31 to be or are classified as rural areas. The center shall  
32 provide training programs that focus on the special medical  
33 needs or problems associated with a rural medical practice.

34 3. The state board of regents shall establish as part of  
35 the entrance requirements for the college of medicine, goals

1 which are designed to encourage the entrance and admission of  
2 students who are from areas of the state which are sparsely  
3 populated or characterized by communities with populations of  
4 less than five thousand inhabitants.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill establishes a center for rural medical education  
7 at the university of Iowa. The center is to provide training  
8 programs and continuing medical education which focuses on the  
9 needs and problems which are peculiar to the rural areas of  
10 the state. The regents are also to establish as part of the  
11 entrance requirements for colleges of medicine at higher  
12 education institutions under their control, goals which are  
13 designed to encourage the entrance and admission of students  
14 who are from rural areas of the state.

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