



[HF 852](#) – Medical Residents, State Tort Claims Act (LSB1746HZ)
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Description

[House File 852](#) creates a reimbursement program such that a private or public hospital or an affiliated nonprofit organization with a resident physician program in Iowa may apply to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to be reimbursed for the costs of the medical liability insurance premiums attributed to an employed resident physician licensed pursuant to Iowa Code section [148.5](#). The Bill excludes residency programs affiliated with patients or inmates of State institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services or the Iowa Department of Corrections, or employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Bill also states that the IDPH may adopt rules to implement and administer the Bill.

Assumptions

The reimbursement program created by HF 852 would be administered by the Policy and Workforce Services Bureau within the IDPH. The Bureau would not require additional personnel to administer the reimbursement program, and the costs of administration could be absorbed by the Bureau's existing budget.

As some facilities currently use private insurance or are self-insured, it is unknown how many resident programs would apply for reimbursement. As a result, the IDPH has estimated costs of the program by estimating the maximum amount of reimbursement requests that might be submitted each year.

Fiscal Impact

There are currently an estimated 500 resident physicians per year within the State of Iowa, and the IDPH estimates an average rate of approximately \$5,000 per resident physician, resulting in a maximum total annual cost of \$2.5 million to fund the program.

Source

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