

House File 624 - Introduced

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BY HEATON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the recruitment and retention of psychiatrists
2 in the state, and providing an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1423HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. PRIMECARRE == PSYCHIATRIST RECRUITMENT AND
1 2 RETENTION.
1 3 1. Notwithstanding any provision of section 135.107 to the
1 4 contrary, for the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
1 5 June 30, 2012, the center for rural health and primary care
1 6 shall utilize the PRIMECARRE community grant program, primary
1 7 care provider loan repayment program, and the primary care
1 8 provider community scholarship program, to increase the
1 9 recruitment and retention of psychiatrists in the state, with
1 10 the goal of increasing the number of counties with psychiatric
1 11 provider coverage.
1 12 2. Additionally, during the five-year period, the center
1 13 shall pursue other options to address the shortage of mental
1 14 health professionals in the state, including but not limited
1 15 to:
1 16 a. Utilizing telemedicine and other psychiatric
1 17 consultation models for primary care providers and other
1 18 clinicians that are financially sustainable.
1 19 b. Developing new educational programs for health
1 20 professionals, such as nurse practitioners and physician
1 21 assistants with competencies in mental health care.
1 22 Sec. 2. INCREASE IN PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT ADMISSIONS. There
1 23 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
1 24 state board of regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1 25 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so
1 26 much thereof as is necessary, for the purpose designated:
1 27 For allocation to the university of Iowa hospitals and
1 28 clinics to increase the number of psychiatry residency
1 29 positions by ten based upon the most recent residency
1 30 admissions period:
1 31 \$ 600,000
1 32 At a minimum, as a condition of any payments relating to a
1 33 residency position, upon completion of the residency program,
1 34 the psychiatrist shall practice in an Iowa community mental
1 35 health center or in another location which serves a federally
2 1 designated health professional shortage area of the state.

EXPLANATION

2 2 This bill provides that for the period beginning July 1,
2 3 4 2007, and ending June 30, 2012, the center for rural health
2 4 and primary care, established within the department of public
2 5 health, shall utilize the PRIMECARRE community grant program,
2 6 primary care provider loan repayment program, and the primary
2 7 care provider community scholarship program, to prioritize the
2 8 recruitment and retention of psychiatrists in the state, with
2 9 the goal of increasing the number of counties with psychiatric
2 10 coverage. Additionally, the bill requires that during the
2 11 five-year period, the center pursues other options to address
2 12 the shortage of mental health professionals in the state,
2 13 including but not limited to utilizing telemedicine and other
2 14 psychiatric consultation models for primary care providers and
2 15 other clinicians, and developing new educational programs for
2 16 health professionals, such as nurse practitioners and
2 17 physician assistants, with competencies in mental health care.
2 18 The bill also appropriates funds from the general fund of
2 19 the state to the board of regents for FY 2007=2008 for
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2 21 allocation to the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics to
2 22 increase the number of psychiatry residency positions by 10
2 23 based upon the most recent residency admissions period. At a
2 24 minimum, as a condition of payment for the residency position,
2 25 upon completion of the residency program, the psychiatrist is
2 26 required to practice in an Iowa community mental health center
2 27 or in another location which serves a federally designated
2 28 health professional shortage area of the state.
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