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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 137)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 12, 2025)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to medical residency and fellowship positions,  
2 including priority for admission to the university of Iowa's  
3 colleges of medicine and dentistry, and hospitals and clinics.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Adopt a policy requiring that not less  
4 than eighty percent of the students who are accepted at the  
5 college of medicine in the doctor of medicine program, and who  
6 are accepted at the college of dentistry at the state university  
7 of Iowa be residents of Iowa or persons who were, prior to  
8 applying to such college, enrolled in an eligible postsecondary  
9 institution as defined in section 261E.2.

10 Sec. 2. Section 263.2, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 **263.2 Degrees — reports.**

13 1. A person shall not be admitted to courses of instruction  
14 in the university if the person has not completed the elementary  
15 instruction in such branches as are taught in the public or  
16 accredited nonpublic schools throughout the state.

17 2. Graduates of the university shall receive degrees or  
18 diplomas, or other evidences of distinction such as are usually  
19 conferred and granted by universities and are authorized by the  
20 state board of regents.

21 3. The university of Iowa, in collaboration with the  
22 university hospitals and clinics, shall submit an annual report  
23 to the general assembly providing the following information:

24 a. The states in which members of each graduating class from  
25 the college of dentistry and the college of medicine's doctor  
26 of medicine program reside during the year immediately following  
27 graduation. The information shall be divided by residents of  
28 Iowa at the time of application to the college and nonresidents  
29 at the time of application to the college.

30 b. The states in which the university of Iowa hospitals and  
31 clinics primary care and specialty residents reside in the year  
32 following completion of medical residency and whether following  
33 residency such residents accepted fellowships. The information  
34 shall be divided by primary care and various areas of specialty,  
35 and whether the medical residents were residents of Iowa prior to

1 applying for admission at an undergraduate college or university,  
2 received a baccalaureate degree from a postsecondary institution  
3 in Iowa, or graduated from a medical school in Iowa, whether or  
4 not the medical residents were residents of the state at the time  
5 of acceptance into the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics'  
6 residency programs and, if any residents accepted fellowships  
7 following residency, the states in which the fellowships are  
8 offered and the areas of specialty under the fellowships.

9       Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **263.6 Residency and fellowship**  
10 **positions — priority for certain candidates — rural**  
11 **rotations.**

12       The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall give  
13 priority in awarding federal residency positions as established  
14 under the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No.  
15 105-33, and fellowships to applicants who are residents of Iowa,  
16 attended and earned an undergraduate degree from an Iowa college  
17 or university, or attended and earned a medical degree from a  
18 medical school in Iowa. The university of Iowa hospitals and  
19 clinics shall also provide the opportunity to participate in a  
20 rural rotation to persons to whom a primary care residency or  
21 fellowship position, including such positions in psychiatry, is  
22 awarded in order to expose the resident or fellow to rural areas  
23 of the state.

24       Sec. 4. **MEDICAL RESIDENCY POSITIONS — APPLICANTS MEETING**  
25 **CERTAIN CRITERIA — ANNUAL REPORT.**

26       1. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall offer  
27 an interview for an available medical residency position to  
28 any applicant who has a residency specialty in obstetrics and  
29 gynecology, psychiatry, general surgery, emergency medicine,  
30 neurology, or primary care, or an available cardiology fellowship  
31 position to any applicant who has a fellowship specialty in  
32 cardiology, and who also is a resident of Iowa, attended  
33 and earned an undergraduate degree from an Iowa college or  
34 university, or attended and earned a medical degree from a  
35 medical school in Iowa.

1     2. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall submit  
2 a report to the governor and the general assembly by January  
3 15, annually, regarding the interviews as specified in this  
4 section during the prior fiscal year. Specifically, the report  
5 shall include for each interview the name of the applicant's  
6 medical school, whether an applicant was offered and participated  
7 in an interview, whether the applicant was accepted for one  
8 of the residency or fellowship positions, and the total number  
9 of available residency and fellowship positions filled by an  
10 applicant meeting the criteria under this section.

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