

## CHAPTER 55

### PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE SUPPORT — RESIDENCY PROGRAMS — STUDY

H.F. 532

**AN ACT** relating to the physician workforce in the state including the awarding of medical residency positions in the state.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. [Section 135.176, subsection 2](#), paragraph c, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

c. Criteria for preference in awarding of the grants, including preference in the residency specialty and preference for candidates who are residents of Iowa, attended and earned an undergraduate degree from an Iowa college or university, or attended and earned a medical degree from a medical school in Iowa.

Sec. 2. [Section 135.176, subsection 2](#), Code 2019, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. g. A requirement that the residency program offer persons to whom a primary care, including psychiatry, residency position is awarded, the opportunity to participate in a rural rotation to expose the resident to the rural areas of the state.

Sec. 3. FEDERAL RESIDENCY POSITIONS — PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN CANDIDATES — FOURTH YEAR ELECTIVES.

1. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall give priority in awarding federal residency positions as established under the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-33, to applicants who are residents of Iowa, attended and earned an undergraduate degree from an Iowa college or university, or attended and earned a medical degree from a medical school in Iowa. The university of Iowa hospitals and clinics shall also provide persons to whom a primary care, including psychiatry, residency position is awarded, the opportunity to participate in a rural rotation to expose the resident to rural areas of the state.

2. The university of Iowa carver college of medicine shall review the feasibility of offering additional fourth-year electives to students attending Des Moines university.

Sec. 4. PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE STUDY. The university of Iowa carver college of medicine shall conduct a study regarding the state's workforce challenges related to the recruitment and retention of primary and specialty care physicians. The study shall include, at a minimum, an examination of current physician workforce data, the identification of projected physician workforce shortages by region of the state, and an analysis of the availability of residency positions, and shall specifically emphasize the recruitment and retention of physicians in rural Iowa. The university of Iowa carver college of medicine shall submit a report of the findings of the study and policy recommendations to address physician workforce needs to the governor and the general assembly by January 15, 2020.

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