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**HOUSE BILL 25-1263**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**  
102      **GRANT PROGRAM.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates the graduate medical education grant program (grant program) in the health facilities and emergency medical services division (division) within the department of public health and environment (department). The purpose of the grant program is to support the establishment of accredited residency programs at health-care facilities in Colorado that have never had a physician resident training

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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program in order to expand physician training capacity and address the state's physician workforce shortage.

The division shall engage stakeholders, including representatives from for-profit and not-for-profit medical schools, to recommend criteria for grant eligibility and other aspects of the grant award and reporting process.

The department may seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources for purposes related to the grant program. The bill requires the department to include information about the grant program's role in creating new medical residency programs in the department's "SMART Act" hearings.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-3-132 as  
3 follows:

4 **25-3-132. Graduate medical education grant program -**  
5 **created - award of grants - rules - definitions.** (1) THE GRADUATE  
6 MEDICAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE HEALTH  
7 FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION WITHIN THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT. THE PURPOSE OF  
9 THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
10 ACGME-ACCREDITED RESIDENCY PROGRAMS AT GME-NAIVE  
11 HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES IN COLORADO IN ORDER TO EXPAND PHYSICIAN  
12 TRAINING CAPACITY AND ADDRESS THE STATE'S PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE  
13 SHORTAGE.

14 (2) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH  
15 THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR REASONABLE COSTS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED  
16 WITH ESTABLISHING AN ACGME-ACCREDITED RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT  
17 A GME-NAIVE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY IN COLORADO.

18 (3) THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND,  
19 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS OR GIFTS, GRANTS, OR

1 DONATIONS, SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE  
2 DIVISION MAY ADOPT RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT  
3 PROGRAM.

4 (4) IN DEVELOPING THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL  
5 CONDUCT A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS THAT INCLUDES  
6 REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT MEDICAL  
7 SCHOOLS TO RECOMMEND:

8 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA;

9 (b) CONTENTS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION;

10 (c) PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR GRANT APPLICATION  
11 SUBMISSION AND REVIEW;

12 (d) STANDARDS TO MEASURE GRANT APPLICANT CAPACITY TO  
13 SCALE A NEWLY ESTABLISHED RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN ORDER TO SPEED  
14 UP ACCESS TO AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDING; AND

15 (e) METRICS AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GRANTEEES.

16 (5) THE DIVISION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED  
17 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND AWARD GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
18 THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED PURSUANT TO  
19 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION. IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE DIVISION  
20 SHALL PRIORITIZE GRANT APPLICANTS THAT, IN TURN, PRIORITIZE MEDICAL  
21 STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM COLORADO'S ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS OF  
22 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO A NEWLY ESTABLISHED  
23 RESIDENCY PROGRAM.

24 (6) IN AWARDING GRANTS, THE DIVISION SHALL NOT:

25 (a) RESTRICT GRANT AWARDS TO PARTICULAR SPECIALTIES AT  
26 HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY PROGRAMS; OR

27 (b) DISADVANTAGE SMALL, RURAL, OR NONPROFIT GRANT

1     APPLICANTS WITH A HIGH PUBLIC PAYER MIX OR APPLICANTS THAT  
2     DISPROPORTIONATELY PROVIDE UNCOMPENSATED CARE.

3             (7) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE  
4     MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM,  
5     INCLUDING MONEY FOR GRANTS AND FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS  
6     THAT THE DIVISION INCURS TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM. ANY  
7     UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM AN APPROPRIATION  
8     MADE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR  
9     EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION  
10    IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

11            (8) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,  
12    GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE  
13    PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

14            (9) BEGINNING IN THE JANUARY FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF THE  
15    FIRST GRANT, AND IN JANUARY EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, THE  
16    DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE, AS PART OF ITS PRESENTATION DURING ITS  
17    "SMART ACT" HEARING REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203, INFORMATION  
18    CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IN SUPPORTING THE  
19    ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ACGME-ACCREDITED RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IN  
20    THE STATE.

21            (10) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
22    REQUIRES:

23            (a) "ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL  
24    EDUCATION" OR "ACGME" MEANS THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
25    THAT SETS AND MONITORS VOLUNTARY PROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL  
26    STANDARDS FOR PHYSICIAN TRAINING IN A PARTICULAR SPECIALTY OR  
27    SUBSPECIALTY FOLLOWING MEDICAL SCHOOL AND OVERSEES THE

1 ACCREDITATION OF RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE  
2 UNITED STATES.

3 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
4 AND ENVIRONMENT CREATED IN SECTION 25-1-102.

5 (c) "DIVISION" MEANS THE HEALTH FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY  
6 MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
7 AND ENVIRONMENT.

8 (d) "GME-NAIVE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY" MEANS A HEALTH-CARE  
9 FACILITY THAT HAS NEVER HAD A PHYSICIAN RESIDENT TRAINING  
10 PROGRAM.

11 (e) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE GRADUATE MEDICAL  
12 EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
13 SECTION.

14 (f) "RESIDENCY PROGRAM" MEANS A SUPERVISED CLINICAL  
15 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE EARNED A DOCTOR OF  
16 MEDICINE OR DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY DEGREE.

17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
20 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
21 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
22 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
23 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
24 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.