

HB 906 -- RURAL PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN GRANT PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Morse

This bill establishes a rural primary care physician grant program as an incentive for physicians to practice and reside in rural counties. The grant requires a written agreement with the Department of Health and Senior Services stipulating that the physician agrees to reside and practice as a primary care physician in a rural county for 5 continuous years and the state will pay a grant of \$10,000 annually for the 5 years contingent upon appropriation of funds. If a physician receiving the grant breaches the agreement penalties will be accessed as outlined in the bill.

The bill creates the "Rural Primary Care Physician Grant Program Fund", to fund the grants and administer the program. The fund is subject appropriations.