

HCS HB 1162 -- GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM (Haden)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Healthcare Reform

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1162.

Subject to appropriation, this bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a medical residency grant program, awarding grants to entities operating residency beyond the currently existing medical residency positions, that is within the fields of primary care, as described in the bill. Funding will be available on a scaled basis, as the bill specifies, and the Department must expend moneys in the order provided in the bill.

When awarding grants, the Department must prioritize entities operating programs that serve areas of greatest need, as determined by the Department; and that offer residency programs in primary care. The Department must also publish on its website eligibility criteria, criteria for determining the amount and duration of grants, the contents of the grant application, and the procedures and timelines by which entities may apply for grants.

The Department must establish criteria to evaluate which eligible funds shall be awarded grants for new residency positions, criteria for determining the amount and duration of grants, procedures and timelines by which eligible entities are able to apply for grants, and all other necessary rules to promulgate the provisions of this bill. Additionally, the criteria must include a preference for eligible entities located in areas of highest need.

This bill additionally provides stipulations for entities receiving grants, as specified in the bill, and the Department is required to submit an annual report to the General Assembly.

The provision of this bill expires on January 1, 2038.

This bill creates the "Medical Residency Grant Program Fund", which will consist of moneys appropriated to it by the General Assembly, all funds returned from an individual who failed to work in the state for three years following the culmination of their training, and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, private, or other sources. Additionally, the Department must conduct research on funding options and seek additional funding from federal, private, and other sources.

The Department of Health and Senior Services may promulgate any and all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this bill.

This bill has an emergency clause.