
SENATE BILL 5939

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the family medicine residency
2 training grant program; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040;
3 adding a new section to chapter 82.24 RCW; adding a new chapter to
4 Title 70 RCW; and creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that due to a
7 shortage of primary care physicians, many rural and economically
8 disadvantaged urban communities are medically underserved.

9 (2) The legislature further finds that the Washington state
10 department of health has established individuals living in rural
11 areas of Washington state are more likely to suffer from preventable
12 conditions and engage in activities that threaten health, such as
13 smoking cigarettes, and according to the United States centers for
14 disease control and prevention, communities of color, who live in
15 greater numbers in underserved urban areas, experience higher rates
16 of obesity, cancer, diabetes, and AIDS.

17 (3) The legislature finds community health centers provide
18 valuable primary and preventive health care services for people
19 living in rural and urban medically underserved communities, and such
20 service is provided regardless of a patient's ability to pay.

1 (4) The legislature further finds prevention education and access
2 to consistent primary health care can reduce health care costs in the
3 long term and improve general productivity.

4 (5) Consequently, it is to the benefit of not only underserved
5 communities but the state as a whole to invest in measures that
6 reduce primary care shortages and increase access to health care and
7 preventative medicine.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Sections 3 through 5 of this act
9 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Within funds appropriated to the
11 department of health for this purpose, and with the goal of
12 increasing the number of family medicine residency positions at
13 community health centers, and thereby increasing the number of family
14 medicine physicians working in underserved settings, a family
15 medicine residency training grant program is created. Grant funds
16 provided for the purpose of increasing the number of family medicine
17 residency positions at community health centers must be disbursed by
18 the department of health to at least three accredited, three-year
19 family medicine residency programs sponsored or sited at community
20 health centers in rural or urban medically underserved areas. In the
21 first year, and each subsequent year thereafter, family medicine
22 residency programs to which the grant funds are awarded shall offer
23 at least two first-year postgraduate residency positions in family
24 medicine. In the second year, and each subsequent year thereafter,
25 these family medicine residency programs shall also offer at least
26 two second-year postgraduate residency positions in family medicine.
27 In the third year, and each subsequent year thereafter, these family
28 medicine residency programs shall also offer at least two third-year
29 postgraduate residency positions in family medicine.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The joint legislative audit and review
31 committee shall conduct a performance audit and evaluation of the
32 family medicine residency training grant program created in section 3
33 of this act every five years. The first audit must be conducted by
34 December 31, 2021. The audit must include a comparison of family
35 medicine physicians who did their postgraduate family medicine
36 residency training at community health centers with those who did
37 their postgraduate family medicine residency training in other

1 programs to determine whether the location of the family medicine
2 residency training influenced or affected where the resident
3 ultimately chose to work.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The family medicine residency training
5 account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. No
6 appropriation is required for expenditures of funds from the account.
7 The account is not subject to allotment procedures under chapter
8 43.88 RCW except for moneys used for program administration.

9 (2) The department of health shall deposit into the account all
10 moneys received from private contributions for the program. The
11 account must be self-sustaining and consist of private contributions
12 for the family medicine residency training grant program.

13 (3) Expenditures from the account may be used solely for grants
14 to family medicine residency programs sponsored or sited in community
15 health centers in rural or urban medically underserved areas and
16 costs associated with program administration by the department of
17 health.

18 (4) Disbursements from the account may be made only on the
19 authorization of the department of health.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 82.24
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) An additional tax is imposed upon the sale, use, consumption,
23 handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes, in an amount
24 equal to seven and one-half cents per pack.

25 (2) The revenue collected under this section must be deposited in
26 the family medicine residency training account created in section 5
27 of this act.

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2013 c 251 s 5 and 2013 c 88 s 1 are
29 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

30 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited,
31 invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with
32 RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
33 money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys
34 in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

35 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
36 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
37 known as the investment income account.

1 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
2 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
3 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
4 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
5 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
6 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
7 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of
8 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

9 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings
10 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
11 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

12 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their
13 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
14 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise
15 scholarship account, the Washington advanced college tuition payment
16 program account, the accessible communities account, the community
17 and technical college innovation account, the agricultural local
18 fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the foster care
19 scholarship endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust
20 fund, the contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state
21 combined fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the
22 county enhanced 911 excise tax account, the toll collection account,
23 the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy
24 account, the fair fund, the family leave insurance account, the
25 family medicine residency training account, the food animal
26 veterinarian conditional scholarship account, the fruit and vegetable
27 inspection account, the future teachers conditional scholarship
28 account, the game farm alternative account, the GET ready for math
29 and science scholarship account, the Washington global health
30 technologies and product development account, the grain inspection
31 revolving fund, the industrial insurance rainy day fund, the juvenile
32 accountability incentive account, the law enforcement officers' and
33 firefighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local tourism promotion
34 account, the multiagency permitting team account, the pilotage
35 account, the produce railcar pool account, the regional
36 transportation investment district account, the rural rehabilitation
37 account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the youth
38 athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund, the
39 children's trust fund, the Washington horse racing commission
40 Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account, the

1 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account, the
2 individual development account program account, the Washington horse
3 racing commission operating account, the life sciences discovery
4 fund, the Washington state heritage center account, the reduced
5 cigarette ignition propensity account, the center for childhood
6 deafness and hearing loss account, the school for the blind account,
7 the Millersylvania park trust fund, the public employees' and
8 retirees' insurance reserve fund, and the radiation perpetual
9 maintenance fund.

10 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive eighty percent
11 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
12 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right-of-
13 way revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
14 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high
15 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,
16 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

17 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
18 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the
19 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the
20 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the
21 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share
22 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance
23 for the period.

24 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
25 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
26 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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