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Introduced by
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Hershberger; Senator Aboud; Representative Rios P

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-2923; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 36-2923, to read:

4 36-2923. Arizona physicians and health professionals training,
5 recruitment and retention fund: use: matching
6 monies: intergovernmental agreements

7 A. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, THE ARIZONA PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH
8 PROFESSIONALS TRAINING, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FUND IS ESTABLISHED
9 CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS ALLOCATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION TO
10 MATCH TITLE XIX MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE
11 ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE
12 CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE FUND MONIES FOR
13 GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

14 1. NEW GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACCREDITED HEALTH
15 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT BEGIN ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2007.

16 2. EXPANSION OF EXISTING PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
17 TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT BEGIN OR AFTER JULY 1, 2007.

18 3. PLACEMENT OF MEDICAL STUDENTS, PHYSICIAN RESIDENTS AND OTHER HEALTH
19 PROFESSIONALS IN TRAINING ROTATIONS IN RURAL HOSPITALS, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
20 HEALTH CENTERS AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE SITES TO PROVIDE EXPOSURE TO RURAL AND
21 UNDERSTAFFED COMMUNITY PRACTICE SITES IN THIS STATE.

22 B. TO IMPROVE PHYSICIAN AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT AND
23 RETENTION IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADOPT
24 RULES TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

25 1. SET ASIDE TEN PER CENT OF THE MONIES ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THIS
26 SECTION TO FUND PHYSICIAN AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT AND
27 RETENTION INITIATIVES, INCLUDING PHYSICIAN PRACTICE START-UP SUPPORT, LOAN
28 FORGIVENESS AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE.

29 2. ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTED HEALTH PLANS AND MANAGED CARE
30 ORGANIZATIONS, ACCREDITED ARIZONA HOSPITAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS,
31 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS
32 AND STATE MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATIONS TO PROVIDE PHYSICIAN
33 AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT, PLACEMENT AND START-UP PRACTICE SUPPORT
34 SERVICES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
35 PRACTICING IN OR SERVING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PATIENTS FROM RURAL OR
36 DESIGNATED HEALTH CARE MANPOWER SHORTAGE AREAS, OR BOTH, IN THIS STATE.

37 C. TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL LOCAL MATCHING MONIES, THE DIRECTOR MAY ENTER
38 INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE
39 AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT AGREE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MATCHING MONIES TO
40 FUND SPECIFIC LOCAL OR STATEWIDE:

41 1. GRADUATE AND MEDICAL STUDENT CLINICAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS.

42 2. HOSPITAL-BASED OR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER-BASED
43 NURSING TRAINING PROGRAMS.

44 3. OTHER ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.

1 D. CONTRIBUTED LOCAL AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATION MONIES MAY ALSO BE
2 DESIGNATED FOR FUNDING SPECIFIC PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL
3 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION INITIATIVES AUTHORIZED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. THE
4 ADMINISTRATION MAY SEEK MATCHING FEDERAL MONIES FOR EACH DOLLAR CONTRIBUTED
5 BY LOCAL AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS AS PART OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
6 AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C.