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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator GILL of Cumberland and
Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Establish the Maine Primary Care Residency Training
Assistance Program.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§29-A is enacted to read:

6 29-A. Primary Care Expenses 10 MRSA
Finance Residency Ad- Only §1100-X
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mittee

10 Sec. 2. 10 MRSA c. 110, sub-c. X is enacted to read:

12 SUBCHAPTER X

14 MEDICAL TRAINING ASSISTANCE

16 §1100-U. Definitions

18 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise
20 indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

22 1. Primary care physician. "Primary care physician" means
the physician a patient contacts for continuous general medical
24 care.

26 2. Primary care residency program. "Primary care residency
program" means a graduate medical education program in family
practice, obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine or
28 pediatrics approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate
30 Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association.

32 3. Residency. "Residency" means the supervised post
doctoral training experience that follows medical school, the
completion of which qualifies a person to take the examinations
34 necessary for eligibility in that person's specialty.

36 §1100-V. Authorization; Maine Primary Care Residency
38 Training Assistance Program

40 The Finance Authority of Maine shall administer the Maine
Primary Care Residency Training Assistance Program. This program
is a statewide program to make grants to improve the quality of
42 training and expand the number of primary care residents in this
State pursuant to contracts between the authority and the
44 approved primary care residency programs.

46 §1100-W. Administration

48 1. Contracts. The Finance Authority of Maine shall
contract with each approved primary care residency program that
50 seeks to participate in the Maine Primary Care Residency Training
Assistance Program. Contracts must allocate grants based upon a
52 formula approved by the authority related to the total number of

2 resident physicians in all 3 years of training programs and the
3 number of the first-year residents in training programs in
4 internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology and pediatrics. The
5 contracts must provide terms and conditions as may be necessary
6 to ensure that funds provided under this subchapter supplement
7 and not supplant funds currently available for such programs.

8 2. Rules. The authority shall adopt rules to implement
9 this subchapter, including rules providing for:

10 A. Allocation of funds as determined upon recommendation of
11 the Primary Care Residency Advisory Committee under section
12 1100-X;

13 B. Prior consultation with the advisory committee on the
14 annual budget for this program; and

15 C. A postaudit in a manner acceptable to the State Auditor
16 of expenses related to funds received under this program.

17 3. Disbursements. Pursuant to a contract the authority may
18 disburse funds for the purpose of the graduate training of
19 physicians in approved primary practice residency training
20 programs.

21 4. Reports. Reports must be filed as follows.

22 A. Each primary care residency program shall file on a
23 regular basis such reports as required by the authority
24 concerning its resident physician enrollment, communities
25 served, income and expenditures, new programs developed and
26 such other information as the authority determines necessary
27 in its administration of this subchapter.

28 B. The authority shall file biennially with the Legislature
29 a report of its expenditures under the Maine Primary Care
30 Residency Training Assistance Program and a listing of those
31 primary care residency programs participating in the program.

32 §1100-X. Advisory committee

33 1. Established; membership. The Primary Care Residency
34 Advisory Committee as established by Title 5, section 12004-I,
35 subsection 29-A, consists of the following 12 members:

36 A. Five members appointed by the Governor from a list of
37 nominees jointly developed and submitted to the Governor by
38 the major statewide association representing allopathic
39 physicians, the major statewide association representing
40 osteopathic physicians and the major statewide association
41 of family practice physicians. Of these members, at least 2
42 must be directors of family residency programs;

2 B. One member appointed by the Governor from a list of
4 nominees submitted to the Governor by the director of
6 medical education at a major teaching hospital in the
8 southern part of the State. This member must represent
another primary care residency training program in the State
in the area of internal medicine, pediatrics or obstetrics
and gynecology;

10 C. One member jointly appointed by the President of the
12 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives from
14 a list submitted by a statewide association representing
hospitals. This member must be affiliated with a teaching
hospital;

16 D. Three members of the general public, one to be appointed
18 by the Governor, one by the President of the Senate and one
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 E. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's
22 designee; and

24 F. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of
Maine.

26 2. Terms of office. Each appointed member shall serve a
28 term of 3 years; except that, of those first appointed, 2 members
30 appointed under subsection 1, paragraph A and one member
32 appointed under subsection 1, paragraph B shall serve for terms
of 2 years and 2 members appointed under subsection 1, paragraph
A and one member appointed under subsection 1, paragraph B shall
serve for terms of one year.

34 3. Compensation. Members are not entitled to compensation
36 but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses pursuant to Title
5, chapter 379.

38 4. Chair. The members shall annually elect a chair who
40 shall serve for a term of one year.

42 5. Meetings. The committee shall meet at least annually
44 and at other times as requested by the authority or as called to
meeting by the chair.

46 6. Responsibilities. The committee shall review for the
48 authority applications for approval and funding primary care
50 residency training programs, make recommendations to the
52 authority regarding allocation of funds, draft guidelines
regarding distribution of funds, make recommendations to the
authority relating to rules, standards and criteria for the
approval and funding of residency training programs, review rules
and perform such other duties as may be directed by the authority.

2 An advisory committee is established to assist the authority
in administering the program and establishing the criteria for
the awarding of grants. An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for each
4 year of the biennium is contained in the bill.