

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 SB3440

Introduced 2/14/2014, by Sen. John G. Mulroe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 65/5.5

Amends the Illinois Rural/Downstate Health Act. Provides that moneys from fees shall be deposited into the Rural/Downstate Health Access Fund. Provides that moneys in the Rural/Downstate Health Access Fund may be used for programs for the medically underserved. Provides that fees may be collected by the Center for Rural Health and deposited into the Fund for the purpose of administering the J-1 Visa Waiver Program for international medical graduates and that the fees shall be dedicated to funding the J-1 Visa Waiver Program and may not be subject to the Fund's distribution formula. Makes other changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Rural/Downstate Health Act is amended by changing Section 5.5 as follows:
- 6 (410 ILCS 65/5.5)

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- 7 Sec. 5.5. Rural/Downstate Health Access Fund.
- 8 (a) The Rural/Downstate Health Access Fund is created as a 9 special fund in the State treasury. Moneys from fees and gifts, 10 grants, or donations made to the Center for Rural Health shall be deposited into the Fund. Subject to appropriation and except 11 12 as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, moneys in the Fund shall be used in the following manner for rural health 13 14 or for programs for the medically underserved programs authorized under this Act: 60.2% shall be distributed to the 15 16 Department of Public Health, 26.3% shall be distributed to the 17 Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, and 13.5% 18 shall be distributed to the Board of Trustees of the University 19 of Illinois.
 - (b) Fees may be collected by the Center for Rural Health and deposited into the Fund for the purpose of administering the J-1 Visa Waiver Program for international medical graduates. The fees shall be dedicated to funding the J-1 Visa

- 1 <u>Waiver Program and may not be subject to the distribution</u>
- 2 <u>formula referenced in subsection (a) of this Section.</u>
- 3 (c) The Center for Rural Health shall administer the Fund.
- 4 (d) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement
- 5 the provisions of this Section.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 88-312; 88-535; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)