

# SB2817



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act  
30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new

Creates the Expanding Medical Residency Opportunities in Illinois Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall establish a grant program to provide funding for medical residency positions not funded by certain federal or other funding sources and to provide startup funding for entities that wish to establish a residency program. Provides for procedures, criteria, and other requirements for the grant program. Creates the Medical Residency Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Defines terms. Makes conforming changes to the State Finance Act.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Expanding Medical Residency Opportunities in Illinois Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

8 "Residency program" means a program that is accredited by  
9 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or  
10 the Committee on Postdoctoral Training of the American  
11 Osteopathic Association or that demonstrates to the Department  
12 a plan for receiving accreditation for the new graduate  
13 medical education program.

14 Section 10. Medical residencies; program.

15 (a) The Department of Public Health shall, subject to  
16 appropriation, establish a grant program to provide:

17 (1) funding for residency program positions that are  
18 not funded by the federal Centers for Medicare and  
19 Medicaid Services or other established funding sources;  
20 and

21 (2) startup funding for entities that wish to  
22 establish a residency program.

1           (b) The Department shall establish a grant application  
2 process for an entity seeking funding. The application and  
3 criteria shall be based on health care workforce needs and  
4 priorities with a focus on increasing access to healthcare in  
5 rural areas. When funding new residency program positions,  
6 funding shall be given to programs that strive to:

7           (1) graduate individuals who practice in health  
8 professional shortage areas in the State;

9           (2) locate the positions' main training site in a  
10 health professional shortage area; and

11           (3) have formal provisions and commitments for  
12 residents, post-graduation, to practice in health  
13 professional shortage areas in Illinois.

14           (c) An entity receiving funding under the program shall  
15 provide any information requested by the Department that the  
16 Department determines is necessary to administer this Section.

17           (d) Funds shall be awarded to those institutions that best  
18 demonstrate the ability to provide quality training and to  
19 retain residents in specific areas of the State where there is  
20 a recognized unmet priority need for physicians.

21           (e) An entity applying for a grant under this Section  
22 shall submit as part of its application a plan for receiving  
23 accreditation for the new graduate medical education program.  
24 The plan shall include a timeline and proof of accreditation  
25 application, if applicable, along with other information  
26 requested by the Department as necessary. Entities that fail

1 to achieve accreditation milestones as described in the plan  
2 may be required to return grant funding at the discretion of  
3 the Department.

4 (f) The Medical Residency Fund is created as a special  
5 fund in the State treasury. Moneys in the Fund may be used by  
6 the Department for administrative costs to initiate and  
7 maintain the demands of the grant program under this Act, to  
8 expand graduate residency program opportunities in the State,  
9 and to maximize the delivery of medical care and physician  
10 services to specific areas of the State where there is a  
11 recognized unmet priority need for medical care and physician  
12 services pursuant to this Section.

13 Section 90. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
14 Section 5.1038 as follows:

15 (30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new)

16 Sec. 5.1038. The Medical Residency Fund.