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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing an occupational medicine residency grant program;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 144.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [144.1915] OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY GRANT
1.7 PROGRAM.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

1.11 (c) "Occupational medicine residency program" means a program that:

1.12 (1) is located in Minnesota;

1.13 (2) is accredited as an occupational medicine residency program or is a candidate for
1.14 accreditation; and

1.15 (3) trains medical residents in the specialty of occupational medicine.

1.16 Subd. 2. Program administration. (a) The commissioner must award occupational
1.17 medicine residency grants to existing, eligible, not-for-profit occupational medicine residency
1.18 programs to support existing and new residency positions. Funds must be allocated first to
1.19 proposed new residency positions for occupational medicine, and remaining funds must be
1.20 allocated proportionally based on the number of existing residents in eligible programs. The
1.21 commissioner may fund a new residency position for up to three years.

2.1 (b) Grant funds awarded under this section may only be spent to cover the costs of:

2.2 (1) establishing, maintaining, or expanding training for occupational medicine residents;

2.3 (2) recruitment, training, and retention of occupational medicine residents and faculty;

2.4 (3) travel and lodging for occupational medicine residents;

2.5 (4) salaries for occupational medicine faculty, residents, and preceptors; and

2.6 (5) training site improvements, fees, equipment, and supplies required for new residency
2.7 positions for occupational medicine residents.

2.8 (c) Grant funds must not be used to supplant any other government or private funds
2.9 available for these purposes.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Applications.** Eligible occupational medicine residency programs seeking a
2.11 grant under this section must apply to the commissioner. The application must include
2.12 objectives, a related work plan and budget, a description of the number of new and existing
2.13 residency positions that will be supported using grant funds, and any additional information
2.14 the commissioner determines to be necessary. The commissioner must determine whether
2.15 applications are complete and responsive and may require revisions or additional information
2.16 before awarding a grant.

2.17 Subd. 4. **Program oversight.** The commissioner must require and collect from
2.18 occupational medicine residency programs receiving grants, information necessary to
2.19 administer and evaluate the program. The evaluation must include the scope of expansion
2.20 of new residency positions and information describing specific programs to enhance existing
2.21 residency positions, which may include facility improvements. The commissioner must
2.22 collect data on occupational medicine residency shortages.

2.23 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.25 health for the occupational medicine residency grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
2.26 section 144.1915. The commissioner may use up to \$..... of this appropriation for program
2.27 administration.