
SENATE BILL NO. 350—SENATORS PAZINA, DONDERO LOOP,
LANGE, KRASNER, DONATE; HAMMOND, D. HARRIS, NEAL,
NGUYEN, OHRENSCHALL, SCHEIBLE AND SPEARMAN

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN C.H. MILLER

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to graduate medical education. (BDR 18-553)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included
in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to health care; requiring the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the Governor to establish the Graduate Medical Education Grant Program for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to create, expand and retain residency and fellowship programs for physicians in this State; establishing and prescribing the duties of the Advisory Council on Graduate Medical Education; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in
2 the Office of the Governor. (NRS 232.600) **Section 5** of this bill requires the Office
3 to establish the Graduate Medical Education Grant Program for the purpose of
4 awarding grants to institutions seeking to create, expand or retain accredited
5 programs for residency training and postdoctoral fellowships for physicians.
6 **Section 2** of this bill creates the Account for the Graduate Medical Education Grant
7 Program in the State General Fund, requires the Director of the Office to administer
8 the Account and requires money in the Account to be used to award competitive
9 grants pursuant to the Program. **Section 3** of this bill establishes the Advisory
10 Council on Graduate Medical Education, and **section 4** of this bill requires the
11 Council to make recommendations to the Office concerning applications for grants
12 pursuant to the Program. Under **sections 4 and 5**, the Council and the Office are



13 required to give priority to applications for grants made for the purpose of retaining
14 programs of residency training and postdoctoral fellowships when the federal
15 funding supporting such programs expires. **Section 6** of this bill requires the Office
16 to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the
17 Program and any recommendations for the measures to create, expand and retain
18 programs of residency training and postdoctoral fellowships. **Sections 7 and 8** of
19 this bill make conforming changes to, respectively: (1) require the Director to
20 provide support for the Council and implement the Program; and (2) clarify that
21 money for the Program is required to be deposited in the Account. **Section 9** of this
22 bill makes an appropriation from the State General Fund to the Program. **Section**
23 **11** of this bill provides that this bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 223 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2. 1. *The Account for the Graduate Medical***
5 ***Education Grant Program is hereby created in the State General***
6 ***Fund. The Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and***
7 ***Technology shall administer the Account.***

8 **2. *The Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and***
9 ***Technology may:***

10 (a) *Accept any gift, donation, bequest or devise; and*

11 (b) *Apply for and accept any grant, loan or other source of*
12 *money,*

13 *↪ for deposit in the Account to assist the Director in carrying out*
14 *the Graduate Medical Education Grant Program established*
15 *pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

16 **3. *The interest and income earned on the money in the***
17 ***Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited***
18 ***to the Account.***

19 **4. *The money in the Account must only be used to:***

20 (a) *Award competitive grants to institutions in this State*
21 *seeking to create, expand or retain programs for residency*
22 *training and postdoctoral fellowships that are approved by the*
23 *Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or its*
24 *successor organization; and*

25 (b) *Defray the costs of establishing and administering the*
26 *Graduate Medical Education Grant Program established pursuant*
27 *to section 5 of this act.*

28 **5. *Claims against the Account must be paid as other claims***
29 ***against the State are paid.***



1 **Sec. 3. 1. The Advisory Council on Graduate Medical**
2 *Education is hereby created within the Office of Science,*
3 *Innovation and Technology. The Council consists of:*

4 *(a) The dean of each medical school in this State that is*
5 *accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the*
6 *American Medical Association and the Association of American*
7 *Medical Colleges or their successor organizations, or his or her*
8 *designee;*

9 *(b) The dean of each school of osteopathic medicine in this*
10 *State that is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College*
11 *Accreditation of the American Osteopathic Association or its*
12 *successor organization, or his or her designee;*

13 *(c) Two members appointed by the Governor who are*
14 *physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS;*

15 *(d) One member appointed by the Governor who represents*
16 *hospitals located in counties whose population is less than*
17 *100,000;*

18 *(e) One member appointed by the Governor who represents*
19 *hospitals located in counties whose population is 100,000 or more*
20 *but less than 700,000;*

21 *(f) One member appointed by the Governor who represents*
22 *hospitals located in a county whose population is 700,000 or more;*

23 *(g) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the*
24 *medical corps of any of the Armed Forces of the United States;*

25 *(h) One member appointed by the Governor who represents*
26 *the Department of Health and Human Services; and*

27 *(i) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the*
28 *Office of Economic Development in the Office of the Governor.*

29 **2. In addition to the members appointed by the Governor**
30 *pursuant to subsection 1, the Governor may appoint two members*
31 *as the Governor determines necessary to carry out the provisions*
32 *of sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.*

33 **3. After the initial terms, the term of each member of the**
34 *Council is 3 years, and members shall serve at the pleasure of the*
35 *Governor.*

36 **4. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council**
37 *must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not*
38 *later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.*

39 **5. The Council shall select from its members a Chair and a**
40 *Vice Chair who shall hold office for 1 year and who may be*
41 *reselected.*

42 **6. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chair.**

43 **7. A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a**
44 *quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those*



1 *members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official*
2 *action taken by the Council.*

3 8. *The members of the Council serve without compensation,*
4 *except that each member is entitled to receive the per diem*
5 *allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and*
6 *employees generally while engaged in the official business of the*
7 *Council.*

8 9. *A member of the Council who is an officer or employee of*
9 *this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved*
10 *from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to*
11 *prepare for and attend meetings of the Council and perform any*
12 *work necessary to carry out the duties of the Council in the most*
13 *timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision*
14 *of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a*
15 *member of the Council to:*

16 (a) *Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry*
17 *out his or her duties as a member of the Council; or*

18 (b) *Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.*

19 **Sec. 4.** *The Advisory Council on Graduate Medical*
20 *Education shall:*

21 1. *Evaluate applications for competitive grants for the*
22 *Graduate Medical Education Grant Program established pursuant*
23 *to section 5 of this act and make recommendations to the Office of*
24 *Science, Innovation and Technology concerning the approval of*
25 *applications for such grants. In evaluating and making*
26 *recommendations concerning such applications, the Council shall*
27 *give priority to the award of grants for the retention of programs*
28 *in this State for residency training and postdoctoral fellows when*
29 *the federal funding for the support of such programs expires.*

30 2. *Study and make recommendations to the Office of Science,*
31 *Innovation and Technology, the Governor and the Legislature*
32 *concerning:*

33 (a) *The creation and retention of programs in this State for*
34 *residency training and postdoctoral fellows that are approved by*
35 *the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or its*
36 *successor organization; and*

37 (b) *The recruitment and retention of physicians necessary to*
38 *meet the health care needs of the residents of this State.*

39 **Sec. 5.** 1. *The Office of Science, Innovation and*
40 *Technology shall establish and administer a Graduate Medical*
41 *Education Grant Program as a competitive grant program to*
42 *award grants to institutions in this State seeking to create, expand*
43 *or retain programs for residency training and postdoctoral fellows*
44 *that are approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate*
45 *Medical Education or its successor organization.*



1 2. *In awarding grants pursuant to the Program established*
2 *pursuant to subsection 1, the Office of Science, Innovation and*
3 *Technology shall consider the recommendations of the Advisory*
4 *Council on Graduate Medical Education created by section 3 of*
5 *this act and give priority to the award of grants for the retention of*
6 *programs in this State for residency training and postdoctoral*
7 *fellows when the federal funding for the support of such programs*
8 *expires.*

9 3. *The Office of Science, Innovation and Technology may*
10 *adopt regulations necessary to carry out the Program established*
11 *pursuant to subsection 1. Such regulations may include, without*
12 *limitation, the requirements to apply for and receive a grant.*

13 **Sec. 6. 1.** *On or before October 1 of each year, the Office*
14 *of Science, Innovation and Technology shall submit a written*
15 *report to:*

16 (a) *The Governor; and*

17 (b) *The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*
18 *transmittal to:*

19 (1) *The Interim Finance Committee in an odd-numbered*
20 *year; or*

21 (2) *The next regular session of the Legislature in an even-*
22 *numbered year.*

23 2. *The report must include, without limitation:*

24 (a) *Information on the Graduate Medical Education Grant*
25 *Program established pursuant to section 5 of this act; and*

26 (b) *Any recommendations regarding graduate medical*
27 *education in this State, including, without limitation:*

28 (1) *The creation, expansion and retention of programs in*
29 *this State for residency training and postdoctoral fellows; and*

30 (2) *Methods by which this State may recruit and retain*
31 *physicians necessary to meet the health care needs of the residents*
32 *of this State.*

33 **Sec. 7.** *NRS 223.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

34 223.610 The Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and
35 Technology shall:

36 1. Advise the Governor and the Executive Director of the
37 Office of Economic Development on matters relating to science,
38 innovation and technology.

39 2. Work in coordination with the Office of Economic
40 Development to establish criteria and goals for economic
41 development and diversification in this State in the areas of science,
42 innovation and technology.

43 3. As directed by the Governor, identify, recommend and carry
44 out policies related to science, innovation and technology.



1 4. Report periodically to the Executive Director of the Office
2 of Economic Development concerning the administration of the
3 policies and programs of the Office of Science, Innovation and
4 Technology.

5 5. Coordinate activities in this State relating to the planning,
6 mapping and procurement of broadband service in a competitively
7 neutral and nondiscriminatory manner, which must include, without
8 limitation:

9 (a) Development of a strategic plan to improve the delivery of
10 broadband services in this State to schools, libraries, providers of
11 health care, transportation facilities, prisons and other community
12 facilities;

13 (b) Applying for state and federal grants on behalf of eligible
14 entities and managing state matching money that has been
15 appropriated by the Legislature;

16 (c) Coordinating and processing applications for state and
17 federal money relating to broadband services;

18 (d) Prioritizing construction projects which affect or involve the
19 expansion or deployment of broadband services in this State;

20 (e) In consultation with providers of health care from various
21 health care settings, the expansion of telehealth services to reduce
22 health care costs and increase health care quality and access in this
23 State, especially in rural, unserved and underserved areas of this
24 State;

25 (f) Expansion of the fiber optic infrastructure in this State for the
26 benefit of the public safety radio and communications systems in
27 this State;

28 (g) Collection and storage of data relating to agreements and
29 contracts entered into by the State for the provision of fiber optic
30 assets in this State;

31 (h) Administration of the trade policy for fiber optic
32 infrastructure in this State; and

33 (i) Establishing and administering a program of infrastructure
34 grants for the development or improvement of broadband services
35 for persons with low income and persons in rural areas of this State
36 using money from the Account for the Grant Program for
37 Broadband Infrastructure created by NRS 223.660. The Director
38 may adopt regulations to carry out his or duties pursuant to this
39 paragraph.

40 6. Provide support to the Advisory Council on Science,
41 Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and direct the
42 implementation in this State of plans developed by the Council
43 concerning, without limitation, workforce development, college
44 preparedness and economic development.



1 7. *Provide support to the Advisory Council on Graduate*
2 *Medical Education and implement the Graduate Medical*
3 *Education Grant Program established pursuant to section 5 of this*
4 *act.*

5 8. In carrying out his or her duties pursuant to this section,
6 consult with the Executive Director of the Office of Economic
7 Development and cooperate with the Executive Director in
8 implementing the State Plan for Economic Development developed
9 by the Executive Director pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 231.053.

10 ~~8.~~ 9. Administer such grants as are provided by legislative
11 appropriation.

12 **Sec. 8.** NRS 223.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 223.630 1. The Account for the Office of Science, Innovation
14 and Technology is hereby created in the State General Fund. The
15 Account must be administered by the Director of the Office of
16 Science, Innovation and Technology.

17 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 223.660 ~~8.~~ *and*
18 *section 2 of this act*, any money accepted pursuant to NRS 223.620
19 must be deposited in the Account.

20 3. The interest and income earned on the money in the
21 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to
22 the Account.

23 4. The money in the Account must only be used to carry out
24 the duties of the Director.

25 5. Claims against the Account must be paid as other claims
26 against the State are paid.

27 **Sec. 9.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
28 General Fund to the Account for the Graduate Medical Education
29 Grant Program created by section 2 of this act, the sum of
30 \$17,000,000 for the Graduate Medical Education Grant Program
31 established pursuant to section 5 of this act.

32 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
33 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
34 2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
35 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
36 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
37 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
38 September 17, 2027, by either the entity to which the money was
39 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
40 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
41 Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

42 **Sec. 10.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
43 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
44 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.



1 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
2 approval.

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