



HOUSE BILL 1002: Medical Education & Residency Study.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1002 would allow the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to appoint subcommittees, which may meet jointly or separately, to study various issues regarding state support for medical education and residency programs with the goal of developing a plan to support those programs in a manner that maximizes state support and best addresses the healthcare needs of North Carolina residents, particularly those in rural areas. It would also require the Department of Health and Human Services to study and report on Medicaid funding for medical education and residency programs.*

This bill was recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Sections 1, 2, and 4 of the bill would allow the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to each appoint subcommittees to study medical education and medical residency programs. The subcommittees may meet jointly or separately, may solicit input from stakeholders, other states, and national experts, and may examine:

- Meeting the healthcare needs of the state through the support and funding of medical education and residency programs.
- The benefits of allocating funds to medical education and residency programs.
- Recommended changes to state support of medical education and residency programs.
- Protocols used to determine how much funding each medical education and residency program should receive.

The subcommittees would be required to develop proposals for a statewide plan to support medical education and residency programs in a manner that maximizes state support and best addresses the healthcare needs of North Carolina residents, particularly those in rural areas. The subcommittees would be able to issue interim reports to their respective oversight committees by November 1, 2018, and would be required to issue a final report by March 1, 2020.

Section 3 of the bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice on medical education and residency programs. The Department may consult with stakeholders, and the report must contain the following items:

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- Information about medical school student and residency slots.
- Suggested overall objectives for medical education and residency programs in the state.
- The total funding for the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers for the last three fiscal years.
- The total funding for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine for the last three fiscal years.
- The total reimbursement paid to North Carolina hospitals related to graduate medical education through the Medicaid program.
- An explanation of all Medicaid graduate medical education reimbursement methodologies DHHS is using or intends to use under Medicaid transformation.
- Strategies rural hospitals communities use to attract and retain healthcare providers.
- Recommendations about forming an entity to compile and oversee data for the state's medical education and residency programs.
- An analysis of how other states use funding to recruit and retain healthcare providers in rural areas.
- Limitations set by other entities that might impact the state's ability to modify medical education and residency programs to meet the state's objectives.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: Section 11J.2 of S.L. 2017-57 authorized the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to appoint a joint subcommittee to examine the use of state funds to support medical education and residency programs. The joint subcommittee determined that additional data was needed to inform the work of future subcommittees.