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SENATE BILL

No. 21

Introduced by Senator Roth

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Medina)

(Coauthors: Senators Correa and Hueso)

December 3, 2012

An act relating to the University of California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 21, as amended, Roth. University of California: UC Riverside Medical School.

Existing provisions of the California Constitution establish the University of California as a public trust under the administration of the Regents of the University of California. The University of California system includes 10 campuses, which are located in Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

The bill would ~~require~~ *request* the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, to develop a program consistent with its mission, in conjunction with the health facilities of its medical residency programs, to identify eligible medical residents and to assist those medical residents to apply for physician retention programs,

including, but not necessarily limited to, the Steven M. Thompson Medical School Scholarship Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) California's supply of primary care physicians is below what
4 is considered sufficient to meet patient needs. In the rapidly
5 growing and ethnically diverse area of inland southern California,
6 the shortage is particularly severe, with just 40 primary care
7 physicians per 100,000 patients, which is far fewer than the
8 recommended range of 60 to 80 primary care physicians per
9 100,000 patients. Furthermore, Latinos, African Americans, and
10 Native Americans are vastly underrepresented in the physician
11 workforce.

12 (b) California lags substantially in the number of medical school
13 seats per capita, having just 17.3 seats per 100,000 persons,
14 compared to the United States average of 31.4 seats per 100,000
15 persons, according to statistics published by the Association of
16 American Medical Colleges.

17 (c) According to the California HealthCare Foundation, 72
18 percent of California's 58 counties have an undersupply of primary
19 care physicians, with primary care physicians making up just 34
20 percent of California's physician workforce.

21 (d) The University of California, Riverside, (UCR) has had a
22 longstanding two-year medical education program and its
23 independent four-year school of medicine has received preliminary
24 accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education,
25 the nationally recognized accrediting body for medical education
26 programs leading to M.D. degrees in the United States and Canada.
27 When this new four-year medical school opens in August 2013,
28 it will become the first new public medical school in California in
29 more than 40 years.

30 (e) This community-based medical school with a public mission
31 to expand and diversify the region's physician workforce and to
32 improve the health of people living in inland southern California
33 has made a commitment to underserved patient populations.

1 (f) There are two principal determinants of where a physician
2 practices: (1) where he or she grew up, and (2) where he or she
3 completes residency training following medical school graduation.

4 (g) The UCR medical school has strategies to capitalize on both
5 of these factors. Among these strategies are all of the following:
6 (1) developing student pipeline programs that inspire more young
7 people in the region to pursue careers in medicine and other allied
8 health professions and to recruit them to the UCR medical school;
9 (2) utilizing a holistic review of medical school applicants that
10 takes into account diverse life experiences in addition to academic
11 performance; (3) teaching a curriculum that emphasizes key
12 competencies for primary care medicine, including wellness and
13 prevention, evidence-based medicine, and chronic disease
14 management; (4) creating new residency training programs in
15 primary care and those short-supply specialties that are most
16 needed in inland southern California; and (5) continuing UCR's
17 commitment to the recruitment, retention, and advancement of
18 talented students, faculty, and staff from historically excluded
19 populations who are currently underrepresented in medical
20 education and the practice of medicine.

21 (h) As a further incentive for medical students to choose primary
22 care specialties, the UCR medical school has developed an
23 innovative "loan-to-scholarship" program, is actively raising
24 nonstate funds to expand that program, and is educating students
25 and graduates about existing public and private physician
26 recruitment and retention programs, including, but not limited to,
27 the ~~Steven M. Thompson Medical School Scholarship~~ *Physician*
28 *Corps Loan Repayment* Program established pursuant to Article
29 6 5 (commencing with Section ~~128560~~ 128550) of Chapter 5 of
30 Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code.

31 (i) The appropriation of state funding in the annual Budget Act,
32 in accordance with Section 16 of Assembly Bill 94 of the 2013–14
33 Regular Session, to the UCR medical school will add more
34 physicians to underserved areas in inland southern California and
35 help California meet the objectives of the federal Patient Protection
36 and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) in the short term
37 and the long term by expanding the physician workforce.

38 SEC. 2. ~~Riverside, shall~~ *The School of Medicine at the*
39 *University of California, Riverside, is requested to develop a*
40 program, consistent with its mission, in conjunction with the health

1 facilities of its medical residency programs, to identify eligible
 2 medical residents and to assist those medical residents to apply
 3 for physician retention programs, including, but not necessarily
 4 limited to, the Steven M. Thompson Medical School Scholarship,
 5 *Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program* established pursuant
 6 to Article ~~6~~ 5 (commencing with Section ~~128560~~ 128550) of
 7 Chapter 5 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code.

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10 **CORRECTIONS:**

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