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An Act To Encourage Maine Residents To Attend Medical School and Practice in Maine

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §12103, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 765, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Positions. The Access to Medical Education Program is established under this section. Under this program, the chief executive officer shall secure up to 21 positions annually for Maine students at schools of allopathic, osteopathic or veterinary medical education up to an aggregate of 84 positions. Five positions are for students of osteopathic medicine, 15 positions are for students of allopathic medicine and one position is for students of veterinary medicine. If there is an insufficient number of qualified applicants for positions in either allopathic or osteopathic medicine, the chief executive officer may increase or decrease the number of positions available in either discipline. The allopathic and osteopathic medicine positions are available only to eligible students commencing professional education on or after January 1, 1993. The veterinary medicine position is available to a student commencing medical education on or after January 1, 1999. The allopathic medicine positions for students beginning participation in the program on or after September 1, 2009 must be in a school of allopathic medical education located in the State.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §12103, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1997, c. 765, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Requirements. Each student obtaining a position in an institution of allopathic or osteopathic medical education shall enter into an agreement with the authority by which the student agrees during the student's medical education to complete clinical education in rural areas and health professional shortage areas of this State as provided in the contract between the institutions of medical education and the authority. Each student obtaining a position in a school of allopathic medical education shall inform the authority of the location of the student's medical residency and place of employment for 5 years after graduation from the school. Each student obtaining a position in an institution of veterinary medical education shall enter into an agreement with the authority by which the student agrees during the student's medical education to complete clinical education in an area determined to have insufficient veterinary services as provided in the contract between the institutions of veterinary medicine and the authority.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that, beginning September 1, 2009, the positions for students of allopathic medicine in the Access to Medical Education Program be placed in a school of allopathic medical education located in the State. This bill also requires a student of allopathic medicine who participates in the Access to Medical Education Program to inform the Finance Authority of Maine of the location of the student's

medical residency and employment for 5 years after graduating from the school of allopathic medical education.