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KANE AND COMITTA, JUNE 14, 2023

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JUNE 14, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled
2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
34 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the

1 Commonwealth," providing for FQHC primary care workforce
2 initiative; and making an appropriation.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
6 as The Fiscal Code, is amended by adding an article to read:

7 ARTICLE I-K

8 FQHC PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

9 Section 101-K. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this article
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Accredited medical college." As follows:

14 (1) As defined under section 2 of the act of December
15 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act
16 of 1985.

17 (2) An osteopathic medical college as defined under
18 section 2 of the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261),
19 known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

20 (3) An institution of higher education that meets the
21 requirements of section 6.1 of the act of May 22, 1951
22 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law.

23 (4) A program at an institution of higher education that
24 meets the requirements of 49 Pa. Code § 18.131 (relating to
25 recognized educational programs/standards).

26 (5) A program at an institution of higher education that
27 meets the requirements of 49 Pa. Code § 25.151 (relating to
28 certification of physician assistant educational programs).

29 (6) An institution of higher education that meets the
30 requirements of section 3(c) of the act of May 1, 1933
31 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law.

1 "Certified registered nurse practitioner." An individual
2 licensed as a certified registered nurse practitioner under The
3 Professional Nursing Law.

4 "Dentist." An individual licensed in the practice of
5 dentistry under The Dental Law.

6 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

7 "FOHC." A federally qualified health center as defined under
8 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(4) (relating to definitions).

9 "Physician." A medical doctor licensed under the Medical
10 Practice Act of 1985 or a doctor of osteopathic medicine
11 licensed under the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

12 "Physician assistant." An individual licensed as a physician
13 assistant under the Medical Practice Act of 1985 or the
14 Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

15 "Preceptor." A primary care practitioner supervising or
16 directing a student enrolled in the FOHC primary care workforce
17 initiative.

18 "Primary care practitioner." A physician, physician
19 assistant, certified registered nurse practitioner, dentist or
20 psychiatrist employed by a FOHC.

21 "Student." An individual currently satisfying clinical
22 rotation from an accredited medical college at a FOHC and
23 enrolled in the FOHC primary care workforce initiative.
24 Section 102-K. FOHC primary care workforce initiative.

25 (a) Establishment.--Within one year of the effective date of
26 this subsection, the department shall establish the FOHC primary
27 care workforce initiative within the department.

28 (b) Purpose.--The FOHC primary care workforce initiative
29 shall be a voluntary program to offer a clinical rotation
30 placement at a FOHC for a student attending an accredited

1 medical college.

2 (c) Appropriation.--From money received by the Commonwealth
3 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2,
4 135 Stat. 4), the sum of \$2,500,000 is appropriated to the
5 department for grants awarded under this section. Money shall
6 not be distributed until the establishment of the FOHC primary
7 care workforce initiative by the department.

8 (d) Grant awards.--Grants awarded by the department under
9 this section shall be equal amounts to each FOHC in this
10 Commonwealth that is enrolled in the FOHC primary care workforce
11 initiative as a stipend to support a preceptor or student.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.