

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to state funding for medical student
 3 education; requiring state funding for medical student
 4 education at state university colleges of medicine using a
 5 funding methodology that provides a base level of state
 6 support on a per-student basis; providing requirements for
 7 the funding methodology to be determined by the Board of
 8 Governors in consultation with the Office of Program
 9 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability; requiring
 10 an annual update of the funding methodology; providing for
 11 startup funding for new medical schools; authorizing
 12 supplemental funding; requiring maintenance of college
 13 accreditation; providing an effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17 Section 1. Apportionment of state funds for medical
 18 student education.--

19 (1) To provide appropriate and equitable funding for
 20 medical student education, the state shall use a funding
 21 methodology that provides a consistent base level of state
 22 support on a per-student basis at all colleges of medicine at
 23 state universities regardless of which public institution the
 24 student attends. The funding methodology shall be based on costs
 25 associated with the 4-year Doctor of Medicine degree as
 26 determined by the Board of Governors in consultation with the
 27 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.

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28 The funding methodology shall be updated annually based on
29 inflation and the cost of other policy adjustments.

30 (2) New medical schools that may be authorized by the
31 Legislature may receive startup funding that is not provided on
32 a per-student basis until such time as the first class is
33 graduated.

34 (3) In addition to the per-student, base-level funding,
35 any college of medicine at a state university may be provided a
36 per-student supplement to support its unique mission or other
37 policy initiatives of the Legislature. Supplemental per-student
38 funding shall be determined by the Board of Governors in
39 consultation with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
40 Government Accountability.

41 (4) In order for a college of medicine at a state
42 university to receive funding pursuant to this section, the
43 college of medicine must maintain its accreditation.

44 (5) A college of medicine at a state university may seek
45 nonstate funds to augment funds received under the provisions of
46 this section.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.