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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  
5           using a funding methodology that provides a base level  
6           of state support on a per-student basis; providing  
7           requirements for the funding methodology to be  
8           determined by the Board of Governors of the State  
9           University System in consultation with the Office of  
10          Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability;  
11          requiring an annual update of the funding methodology;  
12          providing for startup funding for new medical schools;  
13          authorizing supplemental funding; requiring  
14          maintenance of college accreditation; providing an  
15          effective date.

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

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19        Section 1. Apportionment of state funds for medical student  
20 education.—

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

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30 Analysis and Government Accountability. The funding methodology  
31 shall be updated annually based on inflation and the cost of  
32 other policy adjustments.

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

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

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

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

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.