

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 571

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AN ACT relating to public health; to provide resident physician education and dental education programs for the state; to provide a program for the recruitment and training of physicians; and to provide for funding.  
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Residency program shall mean a residency education program which is approved by the applicable American Medical Association's Residency Review Committee;

(2) Model ambulatory practice unit shall mean the facilities or classrooms for the teaching of ambulatory health care skills within a residency program;

(3) Medical profession shall mean medical and osteopathic physicians; and

(4) College of Medicine shall mean the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Sec. 2. There is hereby established a statewide medical education residency program for the purpose of training resident physicians. The Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska Medical Center shall be responsible for implementing the development and expansion of residency programs in cooperation with the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics located throughout the state. The dean and the departmental chairmen in the College of Medicine shall determine where residency education and training shall be established, giving consideration to communities in the state where the population, hospital facilities, number of physicians and interest in medical education indicate the potential success of residency education and training. The communities chosen shall be selected because they can be expected to fill requirements of the American Medical Association for participation in a residency program.

Sec. 3. The Legislature shall provide funding for the residency programs created by this act. Such funding shall be in addition to all other funding of the University of Nebraska, including current sources of funding house officer education and training. The funding for the residency programs shall not be used to supplant funds for other programs under the administration of the College of Medicine or the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Residency program funding shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) Stipends for the residents in training;
- (2) Salaries of appropriate faculty and auxiliary support personnel and operational budget items; and
- (3) Initial construction costs and costs to remodel existing facilities to serve as model ambulatory practice units within a residency program.

Sec. 4. Funding provided by section 3 of this act shall be sufficient to provide for the following minimal residency enrollments:

- (1) During fiscal year 1975-76, funding shall be provided for two hundred eighty-three residencies, including forty-three in the family practice residency program;
- (2) During fiscal year 1976-77, funding shall be provided for three hundred seven residencies, including fifty-five in the family practice residency program;
- (3) During fiscal year 1977-78, funding shall be provided for three hundred seventeen residencies, including fifty-seven in the family practice residency program;
- (4) During fiscal year 1978-79, and each year thereafter, funding shall be provided for three hundred twenty residencies, including sixty in the family practice residency program;
- (5) During fiscal year 1975-76 and each year thereafter, funding shall be provided for thirty additional family practice residencies in the State of Nebraska through associated residency programs; and
- (6) Any residencies which may be funded, in addition to those provided in this section, shall be family practice residencies. Beginning July 1, 1976, any



expansion of residencies, other than family practice residencies, shall be initiated only when the demand for such specialties is shown by patient numbers and need in the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 5. The family practice residency program may be funded in part by grants provided by the Department of Public Welfare or other agencies of the federal government. If such grants are provided, the Legislature shall not provide funding for such program.

Sec. 6. If the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska is unable to train the number of family practice residents provided for in section 4 of this act, the college may, with the approval of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, contract with other associated programs which:

(1) Comply with the essentials for residency training in family practice as specified by the American Medical Association;

(2) Are approved or eligible for approval by the Residency Review Committee for Family Practice of the American Medical Association; and

(3) Are affiliated with an accredited medical school.

Sec. 7. There is hereby created a program for the recruitment and training of physicians for rural communities, which shall be included as a program in the general budget of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The purpose of such program shall be to coordinate, train, and recruit physicians to meet the medical service needs of rural communities.

Sec. 8. There is hereby established a statewide dental education program in comprehensive dentistry for the purpose of training dentists in the clinic of the College of Dentistry during the senior year of dental training. The Dean of the College of Dentistry of the University of Nebraska shall be responsible for implementing the comprehensive dentistry program.

Sec. 9. Funding for the comprehensive dentistry program shall be provided in the manner set forth in section 3 of this act.