



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 250

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist. and SEN. SOMERS of the 18th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FOR IN-STATE MEDICAL STUDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) Each hospital that provides
2 clinical clerkship programs for medical students shall work in good
3 faith with each school of medicine of an institution of higher education
4 located in the state to provide such clinical clerkship programs to
5 students enrolled in such schools. Not later than September 1, 2017,
6 and annually thereafter, each hospital that in any academic year
7 provides more than fifty per cent of its clinical clerkships to students
8 enrolled in a school of medicine of an institution of higher education
9 located outside the state shall report, in accordance with the provisions
10 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
11 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
12 public health regarding (1) the number and nature of each clinical
13 clerkship program at the hospital during the previous academic year,
14 and (2) the name of each school of medicine of each student

15 participating in each clinical clerkship program during such academic
16 year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health" was inserted before "regarding" for accuracy.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact as the University of Connecticut Health Center hospital and medical school collaborate with other Connecticut institutions to keep medical students in-state for clerkships. Additionally, the Health Center hospital would not be subject to the bill's reporting requirement as less than 50% of its clinical clerkships are filled by out-of-state students.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB-250*****AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FOR IN-STATE MEDICAL STUDENTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires each hospital in the state that provides clinical clerkship programs for medical students to work in good faith with each Connecticut medical school to provide these clerkships to Connecticut medical students.

Starting by September 1, 2017, the bill also requires hospitals to annually report to the Public Health Committee on the (1) number and nature of each clinical clerkship program at the hospital during the previous academic year and (2) name of the medical school for each student participating in a clinical clerkship during the academic year.

The bill's reporting requirement applies to each hospital that in any academic year provides more than 50% of its clinical clerkships to students enrolled in a medical school outside of Connecticut.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

BACKGROUND***Clinical Clerkships for Medical Students***

Medical school programs are four years in duration. They generally consist of two years of classroom education followed by two years of clinical training in teaching hospitals (called a "clinical clerkship") where students follow physicians and observe clinical procedures. Hospitals have limited clinical clerkship slots and may offer them to both U.S. and foreign medical school students.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/24/2017)