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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing distinguished
chairs in gerontological sciences at educational, medical and/or
research facilities

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new article 3 to read
2 as follows:

3 ARTICLE III
4 DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN
5 GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES

6 SECTION 301. DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES.

7 S 301. DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES. 1. THERE ARE
8 HEREBY ESTABLISHED, WITHIN AMOUNTS AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION THEREFOR,
9 DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES AT ONE OR MORE RESEARCH,
10 EDUCATIONAL, AND/OR MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THIS STATE.

11 A. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRS SHALL BE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH,
12 ENGAGE IN EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES, AND PROVIDE CLINICAL
13 SERVICES.

14 B. THE PURPOSES OF THE CHAIRS SHALL BE TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP: (I)
15 EXCELLENCE IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE AND CLINICAL CARE WITH ADHERENCE TO
16 ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF KNOWLEDGE; (II) PATIENT-CENTERED TRAINING AND
17 EDUCATION THAT IS HOLISTIC AND PROVIDES QUALITY AND COVERAGE ACROSS THE
18 CONTINUUM OF CARE; AND (III) EXCELLENCE IN GERIATRIC RESEARCH WITH
19 COLLABORATION AND LINKAGES BETWEEN RESEARCH AND TRAINING, ACROSS MEDICAL
20 SPECIALITIES AND DISCIPLINES, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS, AND
21 AMONG TEACHING HOSPITALS AND URBAN AND RURAL PRACTICES, AND ACROSS THE
22 CONTINUUM OF CARE.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 C. EACH CHAIR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A FIVE YEAR
2 REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR RESEARCH, TRAINING AND CLINICAL CARE IN THE
3 REGION IN WHICH THE CHAIR IS LOCATED.

4 D. EACH CHAIR SHALL ADDITIONALLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A
5 MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL AND RELATED
6 INSTITUTIONS THAT SHALL INCLUDE BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH, CLINICAL
7 RESEARCH, APPLIED RESEARCH IN GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY AS WELL AS
8 PROGRAMMATIC GRANTS.

9 E. EACH SITE SELECTED SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MATCH ANY FUNDS PROVIDED
10 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

11 2. SITES FOR THE CHAIRS SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
12 BASED ON A PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK THAT SHALL INCLUDE MEANS OF ADDRESS-
13 ING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PURPOSES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVI-
14 SION ONE OF THIS SECTION, AND THE PROPOSED OCCUPANTS OF THE CHAIRS. THE
15 SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE SIX PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR,
16 AND THE FOLLOWING EX-OFFICIO PERSONS OR THEIR DESIGNEES: THE CHANCELLOR
17 OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CITY UNIVER-
18 SITY OF NEW YORK, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE
19 COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE
20 AND THE ASSEMBLY AGING COMMITTEES. THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF
21 THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

22 3. THE OCCUPANTS OF SUCH CHAIRS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE APPROPRIATE
23 CHANCELLOR, COMMISSIONER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR BOARD, AS APPRO-
24 PRIATE, OF THE SITE INSTITUTIONS. SUCH OCCUPANT SHALL BE THE PERSON
25 DETERMINED TO BE THE BEST OCCUPANT OF THE CHAIR, BY REPUTATION, SCHOLAR-
26 SHIP, EXPERIENCE, PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH, CLINICAL WORK, AND ABILITY TO
27 MENTOR AND ATTRACT OTHERS OF REPUTATION AND ABILITY IN THE GERIATRICS
28 FIELD.

29 4. THE GRANT FOR EACH CHAIR SELECTED SHALL BE ONE MILLION DOLLARS, OR
30 SO MUCH AS SHALL BE AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION THEREFORE, WHICH MONIES
31 SHALL BE USED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ENUMERATED
32 IN THIS SECTION, OR AGREED TO BY THE INSTITUTION AND THE SELECTION
33 COMMITTEE.

34 5. THE DIRECTOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
35 TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE
36 COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY AGING
37 COMMITTEES CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHAIRS, THE
38 EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS, AND USING AN APPROPRIATE METHODOLOGY FOR SUCH
39 MEASUREMENT, THE SUCCESS OF THE CHAIRS IN MEETING THE GOALS AND OBJEC-
40 TIVES OF THIS SECTION.

41 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
42 the date on which it shall have become a law.