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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new article 4 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4
DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN
GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES

SECTION 401. DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES.

S 401. DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES. 1. THERE ARE HEREBY ESTABLISHED, WITHIN AMOUNTS AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS IN GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES AT ONE OR MORE RESEARCH, EDUCATIONAL, AND/OR MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THIS STATE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. SITES FOR THE CHAIRS SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE BASED ON A PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK THAT SHALL INCLUDE MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PURPOSES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, AND THE PROPOSED OCCUPANTS OF THE CHAIRS. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE SIX PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR, AND THE FOLLOWING EX-OFFICIO PERSONS OR THEIR DESIGNEES: THE CHANCELLOR OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY AGING COMMITTEES. THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

3. THE OCCUPANTS OF SUCH CHAIRS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE APPROPRIATE CHANCELLOR, COMMISSIONER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR BOARD, AS APPROPRIATE, OF THE SITE INSTITUTIONS. SUCH OCCUPANT SHALL BE THE PERSON DETERMINED TO BE THE BEST OCCUPANT OF THE CHAIR, BY REPUTATION, SCHOLARSHIP, EXPERIENCE, PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH, CLINICAL WORK, AND ABILITY TO MENTOR AND ATTRACT OTHERS OF REPUTATION AND ABILITY IN THE GERIATRICS FIELD.

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

5. THE DIRECTOR SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY AGING COMMITTEES CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHAIRS, THE EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS, AND USING AN APPROPRIATE METHODOLOGY FOR SUCH MEASUREMENT, THE SUCCESS OF THE CHAIRS IN MEETING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECTION.

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