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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to geriatric education centers

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

Section 1. 1. The commissioner of health shall transfer to the director of the office for the aging funds allocated pursuant to paragraph (iii) of subdivision 1 of section 2807-v of the public health law, as added by section two of this act, for the purpose of maintaining the ability of geriatric education centers, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 294c, to: (a) improve the training of health professionals in geriatrics, including geriatric residencies, traineeships or fellowships; (b) develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals; (c) support the training and retraining of faculty to provide instruction in geriatrics; and (d) provide students with clinical training in geriatrics in nursing homes, chronic and acute disease hospitals, ambulatory care centers, and senior centers. The director of the office for the aging shall distribute such funds as follows: forty percent to the Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center, forty percent to the Consortium of New York Geriatric Care Centers, and twenty percent to the Long Island Geriatric Education Center.

2. Each geriatric education center receiving funds pursuant to paragraph (iii) of subdivision 1 of section 2807-v of the public health law, as added by section two of this act, within one year of receiving such funds, shall submit a written report to the director of the office for the aging on a form established therefore by such director, demonstrat-

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

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ing its use of such funds including, but not limited to: (a) the community linkages that have been established; (b) how many professionals, indicated by title; paraprofessionals, indicated by title; students and direct care workers who have been trained; (c) community agencies and health systems that have received training; and (d) any other information deemed appropriate by the director of the office for the aging.

3. The director of the office for the aging shall provide the report received pursuant to subdivision two of this section to the chairs of the senate and assembly committees on health and on aging, to the governor, to the temporary president of the senate and to the speaker of the assembly.

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2807-v of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (iii) to read as follows:

(III) FUNDS SHALL BE RESERVED AND ACCUMULATED FROM YEAR TO YEAR AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE, INCLUDING INCOME FROM INVESTED FUNDS, FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES OF THE FINGER LAKES GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER, THE CONSORTIUM OF NEW YORK GERIATRIC CARE CENTERS, AND THE LONG ISLAND GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.