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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to grants for graduate medical education in Lyme and tick-borne disease

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Article 27-H of the public health law, as added by chapter  
2 550 of the laws of 1988, is amended by adding a new section 2799 to read  
3 as follows:

4 § 2799. Grants for graduate medical education in Lyme and tick-borne  
5 disease. 1. (a) The commissioner is authorized, within amounts appropri-  
6 ated for such purpose to make grants in support of certified residency  
7 education programs including but not limited to, preventative medicine,  
8 chronic disease, or epidemiology, to establish or expand education in  
9 Lyme and tick-borne disease for graduate medical education, and to  
10 increase the opportunities for trainee education in Lyme and tick-borne  
11 disease.

12 (b) Grants under this subdivision for graduate medical education and  
13 education in Lyme and tick-borne disease may be used for administration,  
14 faculty recruitment and development, start-up costs and costs incurred  
15 teaching Lyme and tick-borne disease in research-based programs or  
16 patient-based care sites, including, but not limited to, personnel,  
17 administration and trainee related expenses and other expenses judged  
18 reasonable and necessary by the commissioner.

19 (c) Grants under this subdivision shall be awarded by the commissioner  
20 through a competitive application process. In making awards, the commis-  
21 sioner shall consider the extent to which the applicant:

22 (i) plans to incorporate emerging Lyme and tick-borne disease research  
23 into residency training programs, including diagnostic procedures and  
24 all medical treatment options, including the benefits and risks of each  
25 option;

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

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1 (ii) functions in collaboration with research or patient-based care,  
2 or both;

3 (iii) makes complementary efforts to recruit or train qualified facul-  
4 ty in Lyme and tick-borne disease education and prevention; and

5 (iv) utilizes available Lyme and tick-borne disease diagnostic and  
6 treatment, and support services in the community.

7 2. The commissioner shall designate organizations, upon successful  
8 application, as centers for Lyme and tick-borne disease excellence. Such  
9 designations shall be pursuant to an application as designed by the  
10 department, and based on service, staffing and other criteria as devel-  
11 oped by the commissioner. Such centers of excellence shall provide  
12 specialized Lyme and tick-borne disease care, treatment, education and  
13 related services. Designation as a center for Lyme and tick-borne  
14 disease excellence shall not entitle a center to enhanced reimbursement,  
15 but may be utilized in outreach and other promotional activities.

16 3. The commissioner may designate Lyme and tick-borne disease resource  
17 centers ("resource center"). A resource center may be statewide or  
18 regional, and shall act as a source of technical information and guid-  
19 ance for practitioners on the latest Lyme and tick-borne disease strate-  
20 gies, therapies and medications. The department may contract with not-  
21 for-profit organizations or associations to establish and manage  
22 resource centers. A resource center may charge a fee to defray the cost  
23 of the service.

24 4. The commissioner shall prepare and submit a report to the governor  
25 and the legislature, on or before February first, two thousand eighteen  
26 reporting the results and evaluating the effectiveness of this section.

27 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.