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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, SEAWRIGHT, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, REYES, BURDICK, BURGOS, PAULIN, SIMON, WOERNER, LEVENBERG, KELLES, CUNNINGHAM, DE LOS SANTOS, OTIS, O'DONNELL, GLICK, McMAHON, TAPIA, RAGA, SIMONE, SHRESTHA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a reproductive health services training grant program; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the reproductive health training and education fund

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2807-nn to read as follows:

§ 2807-nn. Reproductive health training and education grant program. 1. As used in this section:

(a) "eligible participant" means any licensee for whom performing abortion care is within their scope of practice and is authorized by law to practice in this state, including, but not limited to a physician, a nurse practitioner, licensed midwife, or a physician assistant, or an intern or resident who is employed by a hospital or otherwise enrolled in an accredited graduate medical education program;

(b) "program" shall mean a reproductive health services training and education grant program; and

(c) "eligible providers" shall mean community-based organizations providing reproductive health care, hospital-based sites providing reproductive health care, continuing education programs for qualified providers through professional associations or clinical education programs.

2. The commissioner, shall establish a reproductive health services training and education grant program for eligible participants to

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

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receive clinical training in the performance of abortion and related reproductive health services. Such eligible participants shall meet professionally recognized training standards, comply with applicable state law and regulations, and shall be capable of providing culturally congruent care and implicit bias training.

3. The commissioner is authorized, within amounts appropriated for such purpose to make grants in accordance with this subdivision. Such grants may be used for administration, faculty recruitment and development, start-up costs and costs incurred teaching reproductive health care.

4. The commissioner shall submit a report, on December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three and annually thereafter, to the governor and to the legislature which shall include, but not be limited to, the total amount of grants issued, the number of eligible participants, the number of eligible providers, and the region of the state where the eligible provider is located. Notwithstanding any other section of law, the commissioner shall not report any information related to identifying information of eligible participants in the program.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-qq to read as follows:

§ 99-qq. Reproductive health training and education fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and commissioner of taxation and finance a special fund to be known as the "reproductive health training and education fund".

2. Such fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in this section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

3. Moneys shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of health.

4. The moneys in such fund shall be expended for the reproductive health services training and education grant program in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-eight hundred seven-nn of the public health law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.