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

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2599-bb-2 to read as follows:

3 § 2599-bb-2. Reproductive health services training and education grant  
4 program. 1. As used in this section:

5 (a) "eligible participant" shall mean any health care practitioner  
6 authorized to perform abortion care pursuant to section twenty-five  
7 hundred ninety-nine-bb of this article or an intern or resident who is  
8 employed by a hospital or otherwise enrolled in an accredited graduate  
9 medical education program;

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

12 (c) "professional educator" shall mean community-based organizations  
13 providing reproductive health care, continuing education programs for  
14 qualified providers through professional associations or clinical educa-  
15 tion programs that meet professionally recognized training standards,

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

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1 comply with applicable state laws and regulations, and are capable of  
2 providing culturally congruent care and implicit bias training; and  
3 (d) "abortion" shall have the same meaning as is set forth in section  
4 twenty-five hundred ninety-nine-bb of this article.

5 2. There is hereby established within the department a reproductive  
6 health services training and education grant program to ensure health  
7 care providers receive adequate training in abortion care. The program  
8 shall provide funding for professional educators that provide or facili-  
9 tate clinical education related to abortion care and other related  
10 reproductive health services. The program shall be designed to provide  
11 support to clinical educators in program development and administration,  
12 and to address the support needs of individuals seeking additional  
13 training on abortion care. Funding used to support the program shall be  
14 subject to appropriation.

15 3. The commissioner shall distribute funds made available for this  
16 purpose under this section. In determining funding for applicants under  
17 the grant program, the commissioner shall consider the following crite-  
18 ria and goals:

19 (a) Program development and administration. Funds may be awarded to  
20 support the administration and operation of clinical education programs,  
21 faculty recruitment and development, and the expansion of residency  
22 programs to accommodate additional placements.

23 (b) Addressing practical support needs of eligible participants.  
24 Funds may be awarded to support an eligible participant in obtaining  
25 clinical education on abortion care and other reproductive health  
26 services, including, but not limited to, financial support for travel  
27 and lodging associated with attending a program.

28 4. In establishing and operating the program, the commissioner may  
29 consult a range of experts, including, but not limited to, individuals  
30 and entities providing abortion care, abortion funds, and other organ-  
31 izations whose mission is to expand access to abortion care, to ensure  
32 the program structure and expenditures reflect the needs of abortion  
33 providers, abortion funds and consumers. The commissioner may make regu-  
34 lations necessary for implementation of the program.

35 5. The commissioner shall submit a report no later than twelve months  
36 after the effective date of this section and annually thereafter, to the  
37 governor and to the legislature, which shall include, but not be limited  
38 to, the total amount of grants issued, the number of eligible partic-  
39 ipants, the number of eligible providers, and the region of the state  
40 where the eligible providers are located. Notwithstanding any other  
41 provision of law, the commissioner shall not report any information  
42 related to identifying information of eligible participants in the  
43 program.

44 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
45 the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately,  
46 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-  
47 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
48 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.