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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:

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

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

(a) "eligible participant" shall mean any health care practitioner authorized to perform abortion care pursuant to section twenty-five hundred ninety-nine-bb of this article 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;

(c) "professional educator" shall mean community-based organizations providing reproductive health care, continuing education programs for qualified providers through professional associations or clinical education 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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comply with applicable state laws and regulations, and are capable of providing culturally congruent care and implicit bias training; and

(d) "abortion" shall have the same meaning as is set forth in section twenty-five hundred ninety-nine-bb of this article.

2. There is hereby established within the department a reproductive health services training and education grant program to ensure health care providers receive adequate training in abortion care. The program shall provide funding for professional educators that provide or facilitate clinical education related to abortion care and other related reproductive health services. The program shall be designed to provide support to clinical educators in program development and administration, and to address the support needs of individuals seeking additional training on abortion care. Funding used to support the program shall be subject to appropriation.

3. The commissioner shall distribute funds made available for this purpose under this section. In determining funding for applicants under the grant program, the commissioner shall consider the following criteria and goals:

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

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

4. In establishing and operating the program, the commissioner may consult a range of experts, including, but not limited to, individuals and entities providing abortion care, abortion funds, and other organizations whose mission is to expand access to abortion care, to ensure the program structure and expenditures reflect the needs of abortion providers, abortion funds and consumers. The commissioner may make regulations necessary for implementation of the program.

5. The commissioner shall submit a report no later than twelve months after the effective date of this section 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 providers are located. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner shall not report any information related to identifying information of eligible participants in the program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date upon which 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.