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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,
16 comply with applicable state laws and regulations, and are capable of
17 providing culturally congruent care and implicit bias training; and

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

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

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

11 3. The commissioner shall distribute funds made available for this
12 purpose under this section. In determining funding for applicants under
13 the grant program, the commissioner shall consider the following crite-
14 ria and goals:

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

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

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

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

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