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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. STEC, GALLIVAN, TEDISCO -- 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. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2799 to read as follows:

3 § 2799. Grants for graduate medical education in Lyme and tick-borne  
4 disease. 1. (a) The commissioner is authorized, within amounts appropri-  
5 ated for such purpose to make grants in support of certified fellowship  
6 education programs including but not limited to, preventative medicine,  
7 chronic disease, or epidemiology, to establish or expand education in  
8 Lyme and tick-borne disease for graduate medical education, and to  
9 increase the opportunities for trainee education in Lyme and tick-borne  
10 disease.

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

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

21 (i) plans to incorporate emerging Lyme and tick-borne disease research  
22 into fellowship training programs, including diagnostic procedures and  
23 all medical treatment options, including the benefits and risks of each  
24 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 and performance, as centers for Lyme and tick-borne disease  
9 excellence. Such designations shall be pursuant to an application as  
10 designed by the department, and based on service, staffing and other  
11 criteria as developed by the commissioner. Such centers of excellence  
12 shall provide specialized Lyme and tick-borne disease care, treatment,  
13 education and related services. Designation as a center for Lyme and  
14 tick-borne disease excellence shall not entitle a center to enhanced  
15 reimbursement, but may be utilized in outreach and other promotional  
16 activities.

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

25 4. The commissioner shall prepare and submit a report to the governor  
26 and the legislature, on or before the first of February in the year next  
27 succeeding the effective date of this section reporting the results and  
28 evaluating the effectiveness of this section.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.