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An act relating to state funding for medical student education; requiring the Board of Governors of the State University System to use a funding methodology for medical student education at state university colleges of medicine that provides a base level of state support on a per-student basis; providing requirements for the funding methodology to be determined by the Board of Governors in consultation with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability; requiring an annual update of the funding methodology; providing for startup funding for new medical schools; authorizing supplemental funding; requiring maintenance of college accreditation; requiring uniform reporting procedures and an annual report; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. **Apportionment of state funds for medical student education.**--

(1) To provide equitable funding for medical student education, the Board of Governors of the State University System shall use a funding methodology that provides a consistent base level of state support on a per-student basis at all colleges of medicine at state universities regardless of which public institution the student attends. The funding methodology shall be based on costs associated with the 4-year Doctor of Medicine degree as determined by the Board of Governors in consultation...
with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. The funding methodology shall be updated annually.

(2) New medical schools authorized by the Legislature may receive startup funding that is not provided on a per-student basis until such time as the first class has graduated.

(3) In addition to the per-student, base-level funding, any college of medicine at a state university may be provided a supplement to support its unique mission or other policy initiatives of the Legislature. Supplemental funding shall be determined by the Board of Governors in consultation with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.

(4) In order for a college of medicine at a state university to receive funding pursuant to this section, the college of medicine must maintain its accreditation.

(5) A college of medicine at a state university may seek nonstate funds to augment funds received under the provisions of this section.

(6) The Board of Governors, in consultation with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, shall develop uniform reporting procedures applicable to each state university that receives funding pursuant to this section and, no later than February 1 each year, submit the following information for each of these universities to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor:

   (a) A 5-year history of medical student enrollment, including residency and citizenship.
(b) A 5-year history of graduates of the medical school.

(c) A 5-year history of graduates of the medical school who do residencies in Florida after graduation.

(d) A 5-year history of students who graduated from the medical school within the past 10 years and currently practice in Florida.

(e) A 5-year history of the number of medical students who fail to complete the program prior to graduation and if they leave Florida or transfer to another school.

(f) A 5-year history of expenditures by fund, including state appropriations, tuition, practice plans, and university funds for the medical school.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.