

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Health Initiatives Committee
September 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Graduate Medical Education (GME) Expansion Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consideration for approval of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Expansion Legislative Budget Request

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Health Initiatives Committee will consider for approval a legislative budget request to fund residency positions in Florida. The Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program was developed as a response to the findings from a year-long environmental scan of health topics undertaken by the Health Initiatives Committee of the Board of Governors. A gap analysis of Florida's future workforce needs, conducted as part of the environmental scan, found that Florida will face a shortage of nearly 3,700 physicians annually by 2025. The barrier to meeting the demand for physicians in Florida is based upon a lack of available residencies, which is a required and critical part of every physician's training.

Closing the gaps in the physician workforce requires a strategic expansion of graduate medical education (GME) in Florida. This legislative budget request is for \$80,000,000 in nonrecurring funds to support the creation of approximately 800 first-year residency positions. Residency positions created through this program will result in the training of an additional 3,000 physicians within the next three to seven years.

Supporting Documentation Included: Legislative Budget Request Form I

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