

HOUSE BILL NO. 716

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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IDAHO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE COOPERATIVE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR ALL AVAILABLE SLOTS IN THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING OF PROGRESS TO THE EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Idaho college of osteopathic medicine cooperative medical education program. (1) The legislature directs the office of the commissioner of higher education to negotiate the terms of a memorandum of understanding between the board of regents and the Idaho college of osteopathic medicine that establishes a cooperative medical education program for Montana residents at the college.

(2) Terms for the memorandum of understanding must include:

(a) that the memorandum is not effective until the Idaho college of osteopathic medicine is fully accredited;

(b) that if the college is accredited by July 1, 2022, the program will make up to 10 slots available for Montana residents that fiscal year, with an additional maximum of 10 slots available each additional fiscal year until the program has a total of up to 40 slots for Montana residents;

(c) that students participating in the program are subject to the requirements of 20-25-810; and

(d) that the Montana university system will pay a state support fee equivalent to the established western interstate commission for higher education osteopathic medicine support fee per slot per year;

(3) The preliminary budget submitted by the board of regents pursuant to 17-7-111 must include funding for all available slots authorized under the program starting in fiscal year 2022.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Report. The office of the commissioner of higher education shall report to



1 the education interim committee on the progress of negotiations regarding the memorandum at each meeting of
2 the committee during the 2021 interim.

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Appropriation.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, there is
5 appropriated \$1,000 from the general fund to the Montana university system to use toward the costs of
6 negotiating the agreement provided for in [section 1].

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8 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
9 integral part of Title 20, chapter 25, part 8, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 25, part 8, apply to [section 1].

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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