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A House Joint Resolution concerning

New Programs in Medical School Training

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland Council for Higher Education to review programs for training of medical students in other states, to compare these programs with those offered by medical schools in the State, and to submit recommendations for any changes in the education and training of medical students.

WHEREAS, The present system of education of medical students as physicians in the State has resulted in a two-fold problem, first, that the medical schools are graduating too few physicians in some areas of practice, and secondly, that too many physicians are locating in urban areas of the State where there is an oversupply and too few serving the other areas of the State.

The result of the present educational system is that there are not enough physicians engaged in family practice in all areas of the State, and there are not enough physicians of all kinds in the non-urban areas of the State.

One solution to the problem obviously lies in the expansion of the capability of medical schools in the State to train medical students, but any expansion of existing medical school facilities or the establishment of additional medical schools requires capital expenditures of a magnitude which is disproportionate to the results to be achieved.

It is the belief of the General Assembly that there are other solutions to the problem that are worthy of consideration which are more flexible and less expensive.

It is desirable to review the innovative programs being developed in states such as Indiana, New Jersey, and Illinois to determine their relevance to programs of medical education and training in this State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland Council for Higher Education is requested to