

Introduced by Senator Hurtado

February 16, 2021

An act to amend Sections 128205 and 128210 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 441, as introduced, Hurtado. Health care workforce training programs: geriatric medicine.

Existing law, the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act, provides for specified training programs for certain health care workers, including family physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. Existing law establishes a state medical contract program with accredited medical schools, hospitals, and other programs and institutions to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality education and training in specified primary care specialties and maximize the delivery of primary care and family physician services to underserved areas of the state.

This bill would add geriatric medicine to the list of specified primary care specialties under the program. The bill would add training in geriatric medicine to the definition of a "family physician" as that term is used in the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 128205 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:

1 128205. As used in this article, and Article 2 (commencing
2 with Section 128250), the following terms have the following
3 meanings:

4 (a) “Family physician” means a primary care physician and
5 surgeon who is prepared to and renders continued comprehensive
6 and preventative health care services to individuals and families
7 and who has received specialized training in an approved family
8 medicine ~~residency~~ *residency, including training in geriatric*
9 *medicine*, for three years after graduation from an accredited
10 medical school.

11 (b) “Primary care physician” means a physician who is prepared
12 to and renders continued comprehensive and preventative health
13 care services, and has received specialized training in the areas of
14 internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, or pediatrics.

15 (c) “Associated” and “affiliated” mean that relationship that
16 exists by virtue of a formal written agreement between a hospital
17 or other health care delivery system and an approved medical
18 school that pertains to the primary care or family medicine training
19 program for which state contract funds are sought.

20 (d) “Commission” means the California Healthcare Workforce
21 Policy Commission.

22 (e) “Programs that train primary care physician’s assistants”
23 means a program that has been approved for the training of primary
24 care physician assistants pursuant to Section 3513 of the Business
25 and Professions Code.

26 (f) “Programs that train primary care nurse practitioners” means
27 a program that is operated by a California school of medicine or
28 nursing, or that is authorized by the Regents of the University of
29 California or by the Trustees of the California State University, or
30 that is approved by the Board of Registered Nursing.

31 (g) “Programs that train registered nurses” means a program
32 that is operated by a California school of nursing and approved by
33 the Board of Registered Nursing, or that is authorized by the
34 Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the
35 California State University, or the Board of Governors of the
36 California Community Colleges, and that is approved by the Board
37 of Registered Nursing.

38 (h) “Teaching health center” means a community-based
39 ambulatory patient care center that operates a primary care
40 residency program. Community-based ambulatory patient care

1 settings include, but are not limited to, federally qualified health
2 centers, community mental health centers, rural health clinics,
3 health centers operated by the Indian Health Service, an Indian
4 tribe or tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization, and
5 entities receiving funds under Title X of the federal Public Health
6 Service Act (Public Law 91-572).

7 SEC. 2. Section 128210 of the Health and Safety Code is
8 amended to read:

9 128210. There is hereby created a state medical contract
10 program with accredited medical schools, teaching health centers,
11 programs that train primary care physician’s assistants, programs
12 that train primary care nurse practitioners, programs that train
13 registered nurses, hospitals, and other health care delivery systems
14 to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality
15 education and training in the primary care specialties of family
16 medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, ~~and~~
17 ~~pediatrics~~, *pediatrics*, and *geriatric medicine*, or in nursing and to
18 maximize the delivery of primary care and family physician
19 services to specific areas of California where there is a recognized
20 unmet priority need for those services.