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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Introduced By: Representatives Hopkins, Place, Roberts, J. Brien, Bennett, and Perez

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-16 of the General Laws entitled "Community Health Centers" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40-16-5. Community based health care investment.**

4 (a) The department of health in consultation with the executive office of health and human
5 services, shall collaborate with community health centers, to establish new programs designed to
6 attract additional federal funds, with a focus on available Medicaid assistance and Teaching Health
7 Center Graduate Medical Education programs.

8 (b) The residency selection process at any community health center for any doctor, shall
9 include as a consideration, the likelihood of the doctor remaining employed at that community
10 health center upon the completion of the doctor's residency.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require the department of health (DOH) and the executive office of health
2 and human services (EOHHS) to collaborate with community health centers, specifically to
3 establish new programs designed to attract federal funds, with a focus on Medicaid funding and the
4 utilization of Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education programs.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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