

LC004405

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THUNDERMIST FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Referred To: House Finance

18 CHAPTER 8.16

1 THUNDERMIST FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

2 **40-8.16-1. Appropriation of funds.**

3 (a) For the fiscal year 2027 and every fiscal year thereafter, the State of Rhode Island shall
4 appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Thundermist family
5 medicine residency program for the purpose of supporting its operational and educational activities,
6 including, but not limited to:

- 7 (1) Recruitment and retention of residents and faculty;
8 (2) Development and implementation of innovative curriculum focused on primary care
9 and community health;
10 (3) Expansion of clinical training sites in underserved and rural areas;
11 (4) Acquisition of necessary equipment and resources to enhance training and patient care;
12 (5) Support for administrative functions and program evaluation.

13 (b) The funds appropriated under this section shall be administered by the department of
14 health in collaboration with the Thundermist health center.

15 **40-8.16-2. Reporting requirements.**

16 (a) The Thundermist family medicine residency program shall submit an annual report to
17 the general assembly and the department of health, detailing the use of state funds, program
18 outcomes, and its impact on addressing the primary care needs of Rhode Island residents.

- 19 (b) The report shall include:
20 (1) Number of residents trained and their subsequent practice locations (as applicable);
21 (2) Summary of program activities and curriculum enhancements;
22 (3) Financial statement detailing the use of state funds; and
23 (4) Evaluation of the program’s impact on healthcare access and outcomes in Rhode Island.

24 **40-8.16-3. Severability.**

25 If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is
26 held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter, which
27 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of
28 this chapter are declared to be severable.

29 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to fund
- 2 the Thundermist family medicine residency program during fiscal year 2027 and every fiscal year
- 3 thereafter.
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