

REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona health education centers; increase.

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HB 2494

Introduced by
Representative Jermaine

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1643, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1643, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1643. Arizona area health education system; centers;
5 governing boards; duties

6 A. The Arizona board of regents shall establish the Arizona area
7 health education system in the college of medicine of the university of
8 Arizona. The board shall appoint a system director.

9 B. The system shall consist of ~~five~~ SIX area health education
10 centers administered by the director of the Arizona area health education
11 system. Each center shall represent a geographic area with specified
12 populations that the system determines currently lack services by the
13 health care professions. **ONE CENTER SHALL FOCUS ON THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE**
14 **DELIVERY SYSTEM.**

15 C. The Arizona board of regents shall appoint a governing board for
16 each center consisting of not fewer than ten people and not more than
17 twenty people. Board membership shall consist of health care providers
18 and consumers and shall reflect the ethnic representation of the center's
19 geographic area. Each governing board shall make recommendations to the
20 director regarding health professionals' educational needs, local program
21 priorities and the allocation of system monies. Board members are not
22 eligible to receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

23 D. Each center shall conduct:

24 1. Physician and other health professional education programs that
25 consist of any of the following:

- 26 (a) An undergraduate clinical training program.
- 27 (b) A graduate program.
- 28 (c) Postgraduate continuing education.

29 2. Programs to recruit and retain minority students in health
30 professions.

31 3. Continuing education programs for health professionals.

32 E. The director shall submit a written report on or before November
33 15 of each year to the governor, the president of the senate and the
34 speaker of the house of representatives. The report shall contain the
35 following:

- 36 1. The fiscal status of each center.
- 37 2. Information regarding center education, outreach and training
38 programs.
- 39 3. Information regarding placement of health care personnel in
40 areas the director determines are underserved by these professionals.
- 41 4. An assessment of system accomplishments.
- 42 5. Recommendations for possible legislative action.

43 F. The system shall provide expertise and administrative services
44 to each center.