



## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 224

April 10, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives E. BROOKS, QUINN, TRANEL, BERNIER, EDMING, KITCHENS, KRUG, KULP, MURSAU, NERISON, NOVAK, PETRYK, RIPP, SNYDER, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, ZIMMERMAN, BILLINGS, GENRICH, JAGLER, MEYERS, RODRIGUEZ and TITTL, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, TESTIN, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, COWLES, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, HARS DORF, OLSEN, RINGHAND, SHILLING and VUKMIR. Referred to Committee on Rural Development and Mining.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.435 (1) (fi) and 146.616 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants  
2             for education and training of allied health professionals and making an  
3             appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to distribute grants to hospitals, health systems, and educational entities that form health care education and training consortia for allied health professionals. The bill limits the amount the department may distribute each fiscal year per consortium to \$125,000, which may be used for curriculum and faculty development, tuition reimbursement, or clinical site or simulation expenses. The bill also requires a grant recipient to match through its own funding sources the amount of the grant awarded by the department.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
5             the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 224****SECTION 1****2017-18****2018-19****1 20.435 Health services, department of**

2 (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING, REGULATION,  
3 AND DELIVERY

4 (fi) Allied health professional educa-  
5 tion and training grants GPR B 250,000 250,000

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (1) (fi) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.435 (1) (fi) *Allied health professional education and training grants.*

8 Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for grants to hospitals, health systems, and  
9 educational entities that form health care education and training consortia for  
10 training allied health professionals under s. 146.616.

11 **SECTION 3.** 146.616 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **146.616 Allied health professional education and training grants. (1)**

13 In this section:

14 (a) “Allied health professional” means any individual who is a health care  
15 provider other than a physician, registered nurse, dentist, pharmacist, chiropractor,  
16 or podiatrist and who provides diagnostic, technical, therapeutic, or direct patient  
17 care and support services to the patient.

18 (b) “Clinic” has the meaning given in s. 146.903 (1) (b).

19 (c) “Hospital” has the meaning given in s. 50.33 (2).

20 (d) “Rural clinic” means a clinic that is located in a city, town, or village in this  
21 state that has a population of less than 20,000.

22 (e) “Rural hospital” means a hospital that is located in a city, town, or village  
23 in this state that has a population of less than 20,000.

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1           **(2)** From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fi), subject to subs. (3) to (5),  
2           the department shall distribute grants to hospitals, health systems, and educational  
3           entities that form health care education and training consortia for allied health  
4           professionals. The department shall distribute the grants under this section to  
5           hospitals, health systems, and educational entities that apply, in the form and  
6           manner determined by the department, to receive a grant and that satisfy the  
7           requirements established by the department under sub. (4).

8           **(3)** (a) The department may distribute up to \$125,000 per fiscal year per  
9           consortium to be used for any of the following:

- 10           1. Curriculum and faculty development.
- 11           2. Tuition reimbursement.
- 12           3. Clinical site or simulation expenses.

13           (b) A recipient awarded a grant under this section shall match through its own  
14           funding sources the amount of the grant distributed by the department for the  
15           purposes of operating an allied health professional training consortium.

16           **(4)** The department shall determine the requirements for the formation of  
17           health care education and training consortia for allied health professionals.

18           **(5)** In distributing grants under this section, the department shall give  
19           preference to rural hospitals, health systems with a rural hospital or rural clinic, and  
20           rural educational entities.

**SECTION 4. Effective date.**

21           **(1)** This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after  
22           publication of the 2017 biennial budget act, whichever is later.  
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24           **(END)**