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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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<b>2013 Assembly Bill 454</b>	<b>Assembly Amendments 1 and 2</b>
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**2013 Assembly Bill 454**

2013 Assembly Bill 454 creates a grant program administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board designed to encourage primary care physicians and psychiatrists to practice primary care medicine or psychiatry in underserved areas in this state.

A physician or psychiatrist is eligible to participate in the grant program if he or she: (a) graduated from a school of medicine located in Wisconsin; (b) graduated from a graduate medical education training program in Wisconsin with an emphasis on primary care medicine or psychiatry; and (c) practices primary care medicine or psychiatry in an underserved area in Wisconsin. The grants are for “financial assistance” for recipients. The bill does not specify any limitations on how the funds may be used by recipients.

**Assembly Amendment 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 eliminates the requirement that a physician or psychiatrist must have graduated from a school of medicine located in Wisconsin to be eligible to participate in the grant program.

**Assembly Amendment 2**

Assembly Amendment 2 corrects a drafting error in the bill by replacing the word “tuition” with “financial.”

**Bill History**

Representative Petersen offered Assembly Amendment 1 on October 24, 2013 and offered Assembly Amendment 2 on November 6, 2013. On November 12, 2013, the Assembly adopted both amendments and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 93; Noes, 0; Paired, 2. On January 8, 2014, the Joint Committee on Finance voted to recommend concurrence in the bill on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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