

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

Rural Dentistry Scholarships

Motion:

Move to provide \$800,000 GPR in 2020-21 for scholarships under a rural dentistry scholarship program as well as \$350,000 GPR in 2020-21 in a biennial appropriation under HEAB to cover a portion of the costs of the Marquette University School of Dentistry (MUSD) in administering and implementing the program. In consultation with the Department of Health Services, require HEAB to establish a program for awarding to no more than five first-year students attending MUSD an annual scholarship, including a stipend, equal to \$40,000 for each year of a student's enrollment but not exceeding four years. Specify that for every year a student accepts the scholarship, the student must practice for 18 months in a qualifying dental health professional shortage area. Require a student to repay a proportional amount of the scholarships awarded to the student for failure to meet the required number of months of eligible practice. Exclude dental practice in Waukesha, Dane, Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Brown Counties from being eligible under this program.

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Note:

Under the motion, \$800,000 GPR would be provided in the proposed scholarship appropriation to establish the ongoing base level of funding for the program. In 2020-21, \$200,000 GPR would be expended for five scholarships and the remaining \$600,000 GPR would lapse. The \$350,000 GPR would support educational instruction and care at affiliated dental clinics in rural areas.

[Change to Base: \$1,150,000 GPR and -\$600,000 GPR-Lapse; Net GPR Effect: \$550,000]

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