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## 2017 SENATE BILL 161

April 7, 2017 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, HARSDORF, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, COWLES, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, MARKLEIN, OLSEN, RINGHAND, SHILLING and VUKMIR, cosponsored by Representatives QUINN, KOLSTE, E. BROOKS, TRANEL, BALLWEG, BERNIER, EDMING, KITCHENS, KRUG, KULP, MURSAU, NERISON, NOVAK, PETRYK, RIPP, SNYDER, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, ZIMMERMAN, BILLINGS, DOYLE, GENRICH, MEYERS, SPREITZER, THIESFELDT and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Revenue, Financial Institutions and Rural Issues.

- 1     **AN ACT to create** 20.435 (1) (fk) and 146.615 of the statutes; **relating to:** training  
2             grants for advanced practice clinicians and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to distribute grant moneys each fiscal biennium to hospitals and clinics that provide training opportunities for advanced practice clinicians. The department may distribute up to \$50,000 per hospital or clinic per fiscal year, with certain preferences and requirements applied, depending upon whether the grant is a first-time grant. In distributing first-time grants, the department must give preference to advanced practice clinician clinical training programs that include rural hospitals and rural clinics as clinical training locations. Further, under the bill, the department must require a hospital or clinic that received a previous grant to use grant funds to pay for the costs of operating a clinical training program for advanced practice clinicians. 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:***

**SENATE BILL 161****SECTION 1**

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

**2017-18            2018-19**

3           **20.435 Health services, department of**

4           (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING, REGULATION,

5           AND DELIVERY

6           (fk) Grants to establish advanced

7           practice clinician training pro-

8           grams

GPR    B           750,000       750,000

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

10           20.435 (1) (fk) *Grants to establish advanced practice clinician training*  
11 *programs.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for grants to hospitals under s.  
12 146.615.

13           **SECTION 3.** 146.615 of the statutes is created to read:

14           **146.615 Advanced practice clinician training grants. (1)** In this section:

15           (a) “Advanced practice clinician” means a physician assistant or an advanced  
16 practice nurse, including a nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, clinical nurse  
17 specialist, or certified registered nurse anesthesiologist.

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) (fk), subject to sub. (3), the  
2 department shall distribute grants to hospitals and clinics that provide new training  
3 opportunities for advanced practice clinicians. The department shall distribute the  
4 grants under this section to hospitals and clinics that apply, in the form and manner  
5 determined by the department, to receive grants and that satisfy the criteria under  
6 sub. (3).

7           **(3)** (a) The department may distribute up to \$50,000 per fiscal year per hospital  
8 or clinic.

9           (b) If the department distributes a grant to a hospital or clinic that has not  
10 previously received a grant under this section, the hospital or clinic receiving the  
11 grant may use the grant to create the education and infrastructure for training  
12 advanced practice clinicians or for activities authorized under par. (c). In  
13 distributing grants under this section, the department shall give preference to  
14 advanced practice clinician clinical training programs that include rural hospitals  
15 and rural clinics as clinical training locations.

16           (c) If the department distributes a grant to a hospital or clinic that has  
17 previously received a grant under this section, the department shall require the  
18 hospital or clinic to use the grant to pay for the costs of operating a clinical training  
19 program for advanced practice clinicians, which may include any of the following:

- 20           1. Required books and materials.
- 21           2. Tuition and fees.
- 22           3. Stipends for reasonable living expenses.
- 23           4. Preceptor costs, including preceptor compensation attributable to training,  
24 certification requirements, travel, and advanced practice clinician training.

