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## Political Action Committee Chair Report for BQSIMB 2019 Spring Meeting

### 1. 116th Congress (2019 - 2020)

#### [1.1. H.R.1063 - Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2019](#) [- February 12, 2019](#) Referred in Senate

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. \[D-MD-7\]](#)  
(Introduced 02/07/2019)

**Committees:** House - Oversight and Reform | Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

**Latest Action:** [Senate - 02/12/2019](#) Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. ([All Actions](#))

To amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Short title. "Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. Presidential libraries. ...

"(1) REPORTING REQUIREMENT... with respect to every contributor who gave the organization a contribution or contributions (whether monetary or in-kind) totaling \$200 or more ...

"(2) DURATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—...

"(3) INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED.—...

"(4) SUBMISSION OF FALSE MATERIAL INFORMATION PROHIBITED.—...

"(5) PROHIBITION ON CONTRIBUTION.—...

"(6) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Archivist shall promulgate regulations for the purpose of carrying out this subsection.

SEC. 3. No additional funds authorized.

SEC. 4. Determination of budgetary effects.

#### [1.2. H.R.103 - Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act of 2019](#) [- January 3, 2019](#) Introduced in the House of Representatives

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Burgess, Michael C. \[R-TX-26\]](#) (Introduced 01/03/2019)

**Committees:** House - Education and Labor

**Latest Action:** House - 01/03/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. ([All Actions](#))

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to establish consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside of the United States and Canada in order to increase accountability and protect American students and taxpayer dollars.

SEC. 3. Repeal grandfather provisions. ...

SEC. 4. Loss of eligibility. ...

(1) withdrawal by the student from the graduate medical school;

(2) completion of the program of study by the student at the graduate medical school; or

(3) the fourth June 30 after such loss of eligibility.

### [1.3. H.R.1358 - Advancing Medical Resident Training in Community Hospitals Act of 2019 - February 26, 2019](#) Introduced in the House of Representatives

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Kind, Ron \[D-WI-3\]](#) (Introduced 02/26/2019)

**Committees:** House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** House - 02/26/2019 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. ([All Actions](#))

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish rules for payment for graduate medical education (GME) costs for hospitals that establish a new medical residency training program after hosting resident rotators for short durations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Medical Resident Training in Community Hospitals Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. Medicare GME treatment of hospitals establishing new medical residency training programs after hosting medical resident rotators for short durations.

(a) Redetermination of approved FTE resident amount.— ...

(b) Redetermination of FTE resident limitation.—...

(c) Effective date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to payment under section 1886 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) for cost reporting periods beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

### [1.4. H.R.1763 - Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2019 – March 14, 2019](#) Introduced in the House of Representatives

**Sponsor:** [Rep. Sewell, Terri A. \[D-AL-7\]](#) (Introduced 03/14/2019)

**Committees:** House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** House - 03/14/2019 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. ([All Actions](#))

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the “Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. Distribution of additional residency positions. ...

SEC. 3. Study and report on strategies for increasing diversity. ...

## **2. Updates from the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges)**

### **[2.1. AAMC Statement on Introduction of House GME Expansion Legislation - Thursday, March 14, 2019](#)**

AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) President and CEO Darrell G. Kirch, MD, issued the following statement about the **Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2019 (H.R. 1763)**, which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and would increase federal support for graduate medical education (GME):

“The nation faces a predicted shortage of up to 121,300 primary care and specialty physicians by 2030, which places patients’ access to care at risk. The AAMC applauds Representatives Terri Sewell (D-Ala.) and John Katko (R-N.Y.) for introducing legislation that **would responsibly increase federal support for physician training by adding an additional 3,000 Medicare-supported residency positions each year for five years.** Physicians are a critical element of our nation’s health care infrastructure, and given that it takes up to 10 years to train a doctor and because of our rapidly growing aging population, it is vital that we address these physician shortages now. ...

## **3. Updates from the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education)**

### **3.1. March 7, 2019 ACGME Statement about iCOMPARE study results**

The ACGME welcomes the publication of the iCOMPARE papers in the New England Journal of Medicine. ...

#### **[Patient Safety Outcomes under Flexible and Standard Resident Duty-Hour Rules](#)**

Jeffrey H. Silber, M.D., Ph.D., Lisa M. Bellini, M.D., Judy A. Shea, Ph.D.  
N Engl J Med 2019; 380:905-914 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1810642

#### **[Sleep and Alertness in a Duty-Hour Flexibility Trial in Internal Medicine](#)**

Mathias Basner, M.D., Ph.D., David A. Asch, M.D., M.B.A., Judy A. Shea, Ph.D.  
N Engl J Med 2019; 380:915-923 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1810641

#### **[Education Outcomes in a Duty-Hour Flexibility Trial in Internal Medicine](#)**

Sanjay V. Desai, M.D., David A. Asch, M.D., M.B.A., Lisa M. Bellini, M.D.  
N Engl J Med 2018; 378:1494-1508 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1800965

The primary outcomes of these studies on patient safety and resident sleep support the changes made to the ACGME requirements in 2017. ... recognize the need to address resident and fellow well-being and risks of burnout and depression, while also ensuring that residents and fellows are trained under the approximate same working conditions that they will be expected to perform in as practicing physicians for the rest of their careers. ...

***Respectfully submitted via email on April 22, 2019 by Rimma Perelman, Chair of Political Action Committee, BQSIMB.***