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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 9 and 191, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to the show-me compassionate medical education act, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 9 and 191, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 9.154, 191.594, and 191.596, to read as follows:

9.154. 1. August 24, 2015, and thereafter the date designated by the show-me compassionate medical education research project committee established in section 191.596, shall be designated as "Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Day" in Missouri. The citizens of the state of Missouri are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase awareness regarding medical education, medical student well-being, and measures that have been shown to be effective, are currently being evaluated for effectiveness, and are being proposed for effectiveness in positively impacting medical student well-being and education.

2. The director of the department of mental health shall notify the revisor of statutes of the date selected by the show-me compassionate medical research project committee for the show-me medical education day.

191.594. 1. Sections 191.594 to 191.596 shall be known and may be cited as the "Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education Act".

2. No medical school in this state shall prohibit, discourage, or otherwise restrict a medical student organization or medical organization from undertaking or conducting a study of the prevalence of depression or other mental health issues among medical students. No medical school in this state shall penalize, discipline, or otherwise take any

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

7 **adverse action against a student or a medical student organization in connection with such**
8 **student's or medical student organization's participation in, planning, or conducting a**
9 **study of the prevalence of depression or other mental health issues among medical**
10 **students.**

11 **3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

12 **(1) "Medical organization" includes, but is not limited to, organizations such as the**
13 **Missouri State Medical Association and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians**
14 **and Surgeons;**

15 **(2) "Medical school", all allopathic and osteopathic schools of medicine in this**
16 **state;**

17 **(3) "Medical student organization" includes, but is not limited to, organizations**
18 **such as the American Medical Student Association, the Student Osteopathic Medical**
19 **Association, and any medical student section of a medical organization.**

191.596. 1. The medical schools in this state may conduct an ongoing multicenter
2 **study or studies, which, if conducted, shall be known as the "Show-Me Compassionate**
3 **Medical Education Research Project", in order to facilitate the collection of data and**
4 **implement practices and protocols to minimize stress and reduce the risk for depression**
5 **for medical students in this state.**

6 **2. There is hereby established the "Show-Me Compassionate Medical Education**
7 **Research Project Committee", which shall consist of representatives from each of the**
8 **medical schools in this state and the director of the department of mental health, or the**
9 **director's designee. The committee shall:**

10 **(1) Conduct an initial meeting on August 24, 2015, to organize, and meet as**
11 **necessary thereafter to implement any research project conducted; and**

12 **(2) Set the date for the show-me medical education day designated under section**
13 **9.154. The date selected shall be for 2016 and every year thereafter.**

14 **3. The multicenter study may include, but not be limited to, the following:**

15 **(1) Development of study protocols designed to identify the root causes that**
16 **contribute to the risk of depression for medical students;**

17 **(2) Examine the culture of medical schools that may contribute to the maladies**
18 **included in the online survey under section 191.595;**

19 **(3) Collection of any relevant additional data, including but not limited to**
20 **consultation and collaboration with mental health professionals and mental health**
21 **resources in the communities where medical schools are located;**

22 **(4) Collaboration between the medical schools in this state in order to share**
23 **information, and to identify and make recommendations under subdivision (5) of this**
24 **subsection; and**

25 **(5) Based on the data and findings under subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection:**

26 **(a) Identify the best practices to be implemented at each medical school designed**
27 **to address the root causes and changes in medical school culture in order to minimize stress**
28 **and reduce the risk of depression for medical students;**

29 **(b) Recommend any statutory or regulatory changes regarding licensure of medical**
30 **professionals and recommend any changes to common practices associated with medical**
31 **training or medical practice that the committee believes will accomplish the goals set out**
32 **in this section.**

33 **4. The medical schools in this state may prepare an annual report which includes**
34 **any information under subdivision (5) of subsection 3 of this section and any measures**
35 **taken by medical schools as a result of the findings under this section. The report shall be**
36 **made available annually on each medical school's website and to the Missouri general**
37 **assembly.**

 Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure the well-being of medical
2 students in this state, this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
3 health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the
4 meaning of the constitution, and this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
5 approval.

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