Overview

This bill appropriates $2 million from the health care access fund for the 2000-2001 biennium as additional funding for the primary care physician training initiative at the University of Minnesota. This program is intended to increase the number of physicians graduating from the University who practice in primary care, especially in underserved rural and urban areas of the state.

1 Appropriation; primary care physician training initiative. Appropriates $1,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 and $1,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 from the health care access fund for the primary care physician training initiative at the University of Minnesota medical school. Specifies that these funds must be used to:

- develop curriculum elements in clinical skills, communication with patients, and evidence-based medicine;
- expand rural programs that educate residents about the health care needs of rural communities and encourage placement of physicians in rural Minnesota; and
- enhance faculty development and program quality improvement and evaluation.

Specifies that this appropriation is in addition to the current base level funding for the initiative and shall become part of the initiative's base. Allows unexpended funds from FY 2000 to be carried forward to FY 2001.