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Senate Committee Substitute (*Second Reprint*) for
Senate, No. 919

1 **AN ACT** concerning certain medical school clinical clerkships and
2 supplementing P.L.1977, c.390 (C.18A:64H-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. There is created, within the Commission on Higher
8 Education, the "Advisory Committee on Alternately Accredited
9 Medical School Clinical Clerkships."

10 The advisory committee shall consist of 11 members as follows: the
11 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee, who shall
12 serve ex officio; four members appointed by the Governor who include
13 one representative of the Medical Society of New Jersey, one
14 representative of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic
15 Physicians and Surgeons, one representative of the New Jersey
16 Hospital Association and one representative of an alternatively
17 accredited medical school; two members appointed by the President
18 of the Senate who include one representative of the New Jersey
19 Council of Teaching Hospitals and one representative of a teaching
20 hospital in New Jersey that has students from an alternatively
21 accredited medical school participating in a clinical clerkship program;
22 two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly who
23 include one representative of an alternatively accredited medical
24 school and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that
25 has students from a medical school of the University of Medicine and
26 Dentistry of New Jersey in a clinical clerkship program; one member
27 appointed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; and one member
28 appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry
29 of New Jersey. No two members of the advisory committee shall be
30 representatives of the same medical school or hospital.

31 b. Members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of
32 their appointment and until their successors are appointed and
33 qualified, except that of the members first appointed, four members
34 shall serve for a term of one year, three members shall serve for a term
35 of two years and three members shall serve for a term of three years.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate floor amendments adopted October 7, 2002.

² Assembly ARP committee amendments adopted January 9, 2003.

1 Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the
2 same manner as the original appointments were made. A member of
3 the advisory committee shall be eligible for reappointment.

4 c. The members of the advisory committee shall serve without
5 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable
6 expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties, within
7 the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
8 advisory committee for this purpose.

9 d. The advisory committee shall select a chairman from among its
10 members, who shall serve a one-year term but may serve successive
11 terms. The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the
12 chairman or of a majority of its members. A majority of the members
13 of the advisory committee shall constitute a quorum, and no action of
14 the advisory committee shall be taken except upon the affirmative vote
15 of a majority of the members of the entire advisory committee.

16 e. As used in this act, "alternatively accredited medical school"
17 means a medical school located outside the United States: (1) in a
18 country that applies accreditation standards that have been determined
19 by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and
20 Accreditation within the United States Department of Education to be
21 comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical schools
22 located within the United States; (2) that continues to meet the
23 accreditation standards of that country; and (3) has medical school
24 students participating in a clinical clerkship program in New Jersey
25 prior to the effective date of this act, or is approved by the Advisory
26 Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey pursuant to
27 section 4 of this act to operate a clinical clerkship program in this
28 State.

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30 2. The Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical
31 School Clinical Clerkships shall:

32 a. Recommend standards for appropriate facilities to be used in
33 clinical clerkship programs operated by an alternatively accredited
34 medical school;

35 b. Make recommendations as to the number and type of clinical
36 clerkship programs that may be directed by an alternatively accredited
37 medical school at a teaching hospital in this State, based upon the
38 capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the community
39 in which the hospital is located;

40 c. Review the clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively
41 accredited medical schools in this State, and prepare a report which
42 shall include, but not be limited to, a description and analysis of:

43 (1) the teacher to student ratio, the resident to clinical clerkship
44 student ratio and the capacity of each teaching hospital operating a
45 clinical clerkship program;

46 (2) the number and type of clerkship positions that are filled and

- 1 the number and type of clerkship positions that are requested by
2 alternatively accredited medical schools;
- 3 (3) the number of alternatively accredited medical school graduates
4 who participated in clinical clerkships in the State and have attained
5 residencies in New Jersey;
- 6 (4) the types and locations of residencies accepted by clinical
7 clerkship students, identifying types and locations of residencies
8 accepted by students of alternatively accredited medical schools and
9 of medical schools located within the United States;
- 10 (5) the degree of success of the clinical clerkship programs
11 operated by alternatively accredited medical schools as measured by
12 the use of the same criteria as published in the Journal of the American
13 Medical Association annual education report; and
- 14 (6) any recommendations to the Legislature, including any
15 proposed legislation, which it may desire to recommend for enactment;
16 and
- 17 d. Make recommendations to the Advisory Graduate Medical
18 Education Council of New Jersey with respect to the operation of
19 clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited
20 medical schools at teaching hospitals in this State.
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- 22 3. An alternatively accredited medical school that is operating a
23 clinical clerkship program on the effective date of this act is authorized
24 to continue its existing clinical clerkship program, provided it
25 maintains its accreditation status as provided in subsection e. of
26 section 1 of this act.
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- 28 4. a. A medical school located outside of the United States: (1) in
29 a country that applies accreditation standards that have been
30 determined by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education
31 and Accreditation within the United States Department of Education
32 to be comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical
33 schools located within the United States; and (2) that continues to
34 meet the accreditation standards of that country, but is not an
35 alternatively accredited medical school on the effective date of this act,
36 as that term is defined in this act, may apply to the Advisory Graduate
37 Medical Education Council of New Jersey, pursuant to this section, to
38 be approved to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.
- 39 b. The council shall adopt regulations specifying the criteria for
40 approval of a foreign medical school to operate a clinical clerkship
41 program in the State. The criteria shall include, but not be limited to,
42 satisfactory evaluation, pursuant to a site visit, of the applicant's
43 institution, including both its main campus and any clinical facilities in
44 locations other than the main campus.
- 45 c. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by
46 persons designated by the council, who are experienced in medical

1 education program evaluation, for conducting the site visit, and by the
2 council for reviewing and processing the application.

3 d. After a medical school is approved by the council to operate a
4 clinical clerkship program, it may apply to the council for
5 authorization to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this
6 State, in accordance with standards adopted by the council. The
7 standards shall include, but not be limited to, those standards listed in
8 paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection b. of section 5 of this act.

9 e. A medical school that has been approved by the council,
10 pursuant to this act, to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in
11 this State shall be deemed an alternatively accredited medical school
12 for the purposes of this act, provided it maintains its accreditation
13 status as provided in subsection e. of section 1 of this act.

14 f. A medical school authorized to operate a specific clinical
15 clerkship program pursuant to this section may apply to the council to
16 increase the number of students participating in the clinical clerkships
17 or to increase the number of programs operated by the school,
18 pursuant to the requirements of section 5 of this act.

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20 5. The Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New
21 Jersey shall review each application made by an alternatively
22 accredited medical school to increase the number of students
23 participating in clinical clerkships or to increase the number of
24 programs operated by the school. The application shall be made in a
25 form and manner prescribed by the council.

26 a. The council shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the approval
27 or disapproval of an application within 90 days; except that, if the
28 council determines that the application is not complete or additional
29 information is required before the council can make a determination,
30 the council shall notify the applicant in writing and shall have an
31 additional 90 days after receipt of the requested information to
32 approve or disapprove the application. If the council does not
33 affirmatively approve or disapprove the application, or request
34 additional information concerning the application, within 90 days of its
35 submission, the application shall be deemed approved.

36 b. The council shall approve an application if the applicant
37 demonstrates that it meets the registration standards comparable to
38 those promulgated by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education,
39 which include, but are not limited to: (1) a requirement that a medical
40 student who will participate in a clinical clerkship program shall have
41 successfully completed the United States Medical Licensing
42 Examination - Step 1; (2) the hospital is accredited by the Joint
43 Commission on Accreditation of HealthCare Organizations; (3) the
44 clinical clerkship program shall take place in a hospital with an
45 approved ¹[Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New
46 Jersey] Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education¹ or

1 American Osteopathic Association residency training program in the
2 clinical area of instruction for which credit is sought; (4) clinical
3 instruction shall be supervised by a Director of Medical Education; (5)
4 clinical instruction shall be provided pursuant to a written agreement
5 that includes a written curriculum for each individual clinical subject;
6 (6) the hospital shall insure that there is a minimum daily census in
7 each clerkship area that will meet the instructional needs of the clinical
8 subject; (7) the hospital shall have on the premises a library facility
9 that has adequate resources to support clinical clerkships in each core
10 area; (8) each department chair shall be board certified in the specialty
11 area in his department; and (9) the hospital shall ensure a ratio of no
12 less than one medical resident for every two clinical clerkship students.

13 c. If the council disapproves the application, the notification of
14 disapproval shall specify each deficiency, including the reason the
15 applicant failed to meet the registration standards, and shall provide
16 information on remedial steps that applicant must take to meet the
17 standard. An applicant shall be provided the opportunity to submit
18 evidence of remediation, within a time period specified by the council.

19 d. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the
20 council for reviewing and processing the application.

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22 ¹6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act to the contrary, if a
23 State-funded institution of higher education and an alternatively
24 accredited medical school both operate clinical clerkship programs at
25 ²[the same] a teaching² hospital ²with an institutional academic
26 clinical clerkship agreement with that State-funded institution of
27 higher education² :

28 a. Upon a showing by a State-funded institution of higher
29 education that one or more of its clinical clerkship students has been
30 rejected by ²[a] that teaching² hospital because the hospital's clinical
31 clerkship positions were filled to capacity, the alternatively accredited
32 medical school shall take immediate steps to withdraw a corresponding
33 number of its students from its clinical clerkship program at the
34 hospital so that the students at the State-funded institution are able to
35 secure clerkship positions at that hospital.

36 In the event that its students have been rejected by a hospital
37 pursuant to this subsection, the State-funded institution of higher
38 education shall provide the Advisory Graduate Medical Education
39 Council of New Jersey with a letter from the hospital, which states
40 that the hospital's clinical clerkship program is filled to capacity; or

41 b. If a State-funded institution of higher education receives notice
42 from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, in the course of its
43 standard four-year review, that the committee finds that ²[a] such²
44 hospital does not have the capacity to support all of the clinical
45 clerkship positions or programs that are currently operating at the
46 hospital and the accreditation status of the State-funded institution

1 may be in jeopardy because of the lack of capacity at that hospital, the
2 alternatively accredited medical school shall take immediate steps to
3 withdraw its students from its clinical clerkship program at the
4 hospital.

5 In the event that the committee provides such notice to the State-
6 funded institution, the institution shall provide the Advisory Graduate
7 Medical Education Council of New Jersey with a letter from the
8 committee stating the committee's findings.

9 c. If an alternatively accredited medical school is required to
10 withdraw any of its students from ²[a] such² hospital pursuant to
11 subsection a. or b. of this section, the school shall not be permitted to
12 increase the number of students participating in the school's clinical
13 clerkship program at that hospital until such time as the school
14 provides a letter from the hospital or the committee, as appropriate,
15 which states that the hospital has sufficient capacity to absorb the
16 increase without jeopardizing existing clinical clerkship programs at
17 that hospital operated by the State-funded institution. Upon providing
18 the letter to the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New
19 Jersey, the school may apply to increase the number of students
20 participating in the clerkship program in accordance with the
21 provisions of ²[section 5 of]² this act.¹

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23 ¹[6.] 7.¹ The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation
24 with the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New
25 Jersey, shall adopt regulations pursuant to the "Administrative
26 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) necessary to
27 carry out the purposes of this act.

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29 ¹[7.] 8.¹ This act shall take effect 180 days after enactment.

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34 Establishes Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical
35 School Clinical Clerkships and provides for clinical clerkships for
36 students from foreign medical schools.

SENATE, No. 919

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2002

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator JOHN J. MATHEUSSEN

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Council on Medical School Clinical Clerkships.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/10/2002)

1 AN ACT concerning medical school clerkships.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. There is created within the State Board of Medical Examiners
7 a permanent council to be known as the "Council on Medical School
8 Clinical Clerkships." The council shall consist of seven members.
9 Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, including one
10 representing the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
11 and one representing the Medical Society of New Jersey. Two
12 members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, including
13 one representing an accredited medical school and one representing a
14 teaching hospital located in New Jersey that has students from an
15 accredited medical school participating in a clinical clerkship program.
16 Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General
17 Assembly, including one representing an accredited medical school and
18 one representing a teaching hospital located in New Jersey that has
19 students from an accredited medical school participating in a clinical
20 clerkship program. One member shall be appointed by the State Board
21 of Medical Examiners who shall not be a member of that board. No
22 two members of the council shall be representatives of the same
23 medical school, hospital or medical society.

24 b. Members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of
25 their appointment and until their successors are appointed and
26 qualified, except that of the members first appointed, each appointee
27 of the Governor and the State Board of Medical Examiners appointee
28 shall serve for a term of one year, each appointee of the President of
29 the Senate shall serve for a term of two years and each appointee of
30 the Speaker of the General Assembly shall serve for a term of three
31 years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term
32 in the same manner as the original appointments were made. A
33 member of the council shall be eligible for reappointment.

34 c. The members of the council shall serve without compensation,
35 but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses actually
36 incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of funds
37 appropriated or otherwise made available to the council for this
38 purpose.

39 d. The council shall select a chairman from among its members,
40 who shall serve a one-year term but may serve successive terms. It
41 shall meet upon the call of the chairman or of a majority of the council
42 members. A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a
43 quorum of the council and no action of the council shall be taken
44 except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the
45 entire council.

1 e. The council shall appoint a full time executive director, who
2 shall serve as secretary to the council. The executive director shall
3 serve at the pleasure of the council and shall be qualified by training
4 and experience to perform the duties of the position, which duties shall
5 include, but not be limited to, establishing a data bank of copies of
6 documents filed with the Liason Committee of Medical Education
7 established by the American Medical Association, including annual
8 reports and evaluations by medical schools that have clinical clerkship
9 programs operating in New Jersey hospitals.

10 f. The Attorney General shall provide legal staff services to the
11 council.

12 g. As used in this act, "accredited medical school" means a medical
13 school located outside the United States in a country that applies
14 accreditation standards that: have been determined by the National
15 Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation within the
16 United States Department of Education to be comparable to the
17 accreditation standards applied to medical schools located within the
18 United States and that medical school continues to maintain and meet
19 those standards; and has medical school students participating in a
20 clinical clerkship program in New Jersey prior to the effective date of
21 this act.

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23 2. The Council on Medical School Clinical Clerkships shall:

24 a. Recommend standards for appropriate facilities to be used in
25 clinical clerkship programs;

26 b. Prepare an analysis of, and recommendations as to, the number
27 and type of clinical clerkship programs which may be directed by an
28 accredited medical school at a teaching hospital in this State, based
29 upon the capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the
30 community in which the hospital is located;

31 c. Make recommendations to the State Board of Medical Examiners
32 with respect to the operation of clinical clerkship programs at teaching
33 hospitals in this State;

34 d. Review the clinical clerkship programs operating in this State
35 and make a report biennially to the Legislature, State Board of
36 Medical Examiners, and each teaching hospital operating a clinical
37 clerkship program, which report shall include, but not be limited to, a
38 description and analysis of:

39 (1) the teacher to student ratio and the capacity of each teaching
40 hospital operating a clinical clerkship program;

41 (2) the number and type of clerkship positions that are filled and
42 the number and type of clerkship positions that are requested by
43 medical schools;

44 (3) the number of clinical clerkship students who attain residencies
45 in New Jersey;

1 (4) the types and locations of residencies accepted by clinical
2 clerkship students, identifying types and locations of residencies
3 accepted by students of accredited medical schools and of medical
4 schools located within the United States;

5 (5) the degree of success of the clinical clerkship programs as
6 reported by students and faculty and by the use of the same criteria as
7 published in the Journal of the American Medical Association annual
8 education report; and

9 (6) any recommendations to the Legislature, including any
10 proposed legislation, which it may desire to recommend for enactment.

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12 3. a. Any accredited medical school is authorized to continue its
13 clinical clerkship programs within teaching hospitals in New Jersey.

14 b. Any accredited medical school may increase the number of third
15 and fourth year medical students participating in clinical clerkship
16 programs and may increase the number of such programs, provided
17 that any medical student participating in a clinical clerkship program
18 shall have successfully completed Part One of the United States
19 Medical Licensure Examination.

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21 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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24 STATEMENT
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26 This bill establishes a permanent council to be known as the
27 "Council on Medical School Clinical Clerkships."

28 The council shall consist of seven members as follows: a
29 representative of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New
30 Jersey, and one representing the Medical Society of New Jersey, to be
31 appointed by the Governor; two representatives of accredited medical
32 schools, and two representatives of teaching hospitals located in New
33 Jersey that have students from an accredited medical school
34 participating in a clinical clerkship program, one each to be appointed
35 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General
36 Assembly; and one member to be appointed by the State Board of
37 Medical Examiners who shall not be a member of that board.

38 The bill provides that the council shall:

39 a. Recommend standards for appropriate facilities to be used in
40 clinical clerkship programs;

41 b. Prepare an analysis of, and recommendations as to, the number
42 and type of clinical clerkship programs which may be directed by an
43 accredited medical school at a teaching hospital in this State based
44 upon the capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the
45 community in which the hospital is located;

1 c. Make recommendations to the State Board of Medical Examiners
2 with respect to the operation of clinical clerkship programs at teaching
3 hospitals in this State;

4 d. Review the clinical clerkship programs operating in the State
5 and make a report biennially to the Legislature, State Board of
6 Medical Examiners, and each teaching hospital operating in a clinical
7 clerkship program, which report shall include, but not be limited to, a
8 description and analysis of:

9 (1) teacher to student ratio and the capacity of each teaching
10 hospital operating a clinical clerkship program;

11 (2) number and type of clerkship positions that are filled and the
12 number and type of clerkship positions that are requested by medical
13 schools;

14 (3) number of clinical clerkship students who attain residencies in
15 New Jersey;

16 (4) types and locations of residencies accepted by clinical clerkship
17 students, identifying types and locations of residencies accepted by
18 students of accredited medical schools and of medical schools located
19 within the United States;

20 (5) the degree of success of the clinical clerkship programs as
21 reported by students and faculty and by the use of the same criteria as
22 published in the Journal of the American Medical Association annual
23 education report; and

24 (6) any recommendations to the Legislature, including any
25 proposed legislation, which it may desire to recommend for enactment.

26 The bill allows accredited medical schools to increase the number
27 of third and fourth year medical students participating in clinical
28 clerkship programs and to increase the number of these programs
29 provided that any medical student participating in such a program shall
30 have successfully completed Part One of the United States Medical
31 Licensure Examination. As defined in this bill, "accredited medical
32 school" means a medical school located outside the United States in
33 a country that applies accreditation standards that: have been
34 determined by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education
35 and Accreditation within the United States Department of Education
36 to be comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical
37 schools located within the United States and that medical school
38 continues to maintain and meet those standards; and has medical
39 school students participating in a clinical clerkship program in New
40 Jersey prior to the effective date of this act.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS AND
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 919

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2003

The Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably, and with committee amendments, the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 919 (1R).

As amended, this bill creates a process, through the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC), for approving clinical clerkship programs for alternatively accredited medical schools located outside the United States that choose to establish their clinical clerkship programs in teaching hospitals in this State. The bill also creates an 11-member "Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships" within the Commission on Higher Education.

Clinical Clerkship Program Approval Process: The bill defines "alternatively accredited medical school" to mean a medical school located outside the United States: (1) in a country that applies accreditation standards that have been determined by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation within the United States Department of Education to be comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical schools located within the United States; (2) that continues to meet the accreditation standards of that country; and (3) has medical school students participating in a clinical clerkship program in New Jersey prior to the effective date of this bill, or is approved by the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC) pursuant to this bill to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.

The bill provides that an alternatively accredited medical school that is operating a clinical clerkship program on the effective date of this bill is authorized to continue its existing clinical clerkship program, provided it maintains its accreditation status as provided in the bill.

A medical school located outside of the United States that does not operate a clinical clerkship program in the State, but otherwise meets the definition of an alternatively accredited medical school, may apply to AGMEC for approval to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.

AGMEC is directed to adopt regulations specifying the criteria for approval of a foreign medical school to operate a clinical clerkship program in the State, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, satisfactory evaluation, pursuant to a site visit, of the applicant's institution, including both its main campus and any clinical facilities in locations other than the main campus. The bill provides that the applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by AGMEC for conducting the site visit, and for reviewing and processing the application.

After a medical school is approved to operate a clinical clerkship program, it may apply to AGMEC for authorization to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this State, in accordance with standards adopted by AGMEC. A medical school that has been approved to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this State shall be deemed an alternatively accredited medical school, provided it maintains its accreditation status as provided in the bill.

With respect to increasing the number of students participating in clinical clerkships or the number of programs operated by the school, the bill provides that an alternatively accredited medical school may apply to AGMEC to request the increase. AGMEC is required to notify the applicant, in writing, of the approval or disapproval of an application within 90 days; except that, if AGMEC determines that the application is not complete or additional information is required before it can make a determination, AGMEC shall notify the applicant in writing and have an additional 90 days after receipt of the requested information to approve or disapprove the application. If AGMEC does not affirmatively approve or disapprove the application, or request additional information concerning the application, within 90 days of its submission, the application shall be deemed approved.

The bill provides that AGMEC shall approve an application if the applicant demonstrates that it meets the registration standards comparable to those promulgated by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which include, but are not limited to: (1) a requirement that a medical student who will participate in a clinical clerkship program shall have successfully completed the United States Medical Licensing Examination - Step 1; (2) the hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of HealthCare Organizations; (3) the clinical clerkship program shall take place in a hospital with an approved Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association residency training program in the clinical area of instruction for which credit is sought; (4) clinical instruction shall be supervised by a Director of Medical Education; (5) clinical instruction shall be provided pursuant to a

written agreement that includes a written curriculum for each individual clinical subject; (6) the hospital shall insure that there is a minimum daily census in each clerkship area that will meet the instructional needs of the clinical subject; (7) the hospital shall have on the premises a library facility that has adequate resources to support clinical clerkships in each core area; (8) each department chair shall be board certified in the specialty area in his department; and (9) the hospital shall ensure a ratio of no less than one medical resident for every two clinical clerkship students.

If AGMEC disapproves the application, the notification of disapproval shall specify each deficiency, including the reason the applicant failed to meet the registration standards, and shall provide information on remedial steps that applicant must take to meet the standard. An applicant shall be provided the opportunity to submit evidence of remediation, within a time period specified by AGMEC. The bill provides that the applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by AGMEC for reviewing and processing the application.

The bill provides that the Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with AGMEC, shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this bill.

Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships: The Advisory Committee is directed to:

- C Recommend standards for appropriate facilities to be used in clinical clerkship programs operated by an alternatively accredited medical school;
- C Make recommendations as to the number and type of clinical clerkship programs that may be directed by an alternatively accredited medical school at a teaching hospital in this State, based upon the capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the community in which the hospital is located;
- C Review the clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited medical schools in this State; and
- C Make recommendations to AGMEC with respect to the operation of clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited medical schools at teaching hospitals in this State.

The members of the advisory committee shall include:

-- the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee, who shall serve ex officio;

-- four members appointed by the Governor who include one representative of the Medical Society of New Jersey, one representative of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, one representative of the New Jersey Hospital Association and one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school;

-- two members appointed by the President of the Senate who include one representative of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that has students from an alternatively accredited medical school

participating in a clinical clerkship program;

-- two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly who include one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that has students from a medical school of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in a clinical clerkship program;

-- one member appointed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; and

-- one member appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

The bill also provides that if the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and an alternatively accredited medical school (foreign medical school) both operate clinical clerkship programs at a teaching hospital:

(1) Upon a showing by UMDNJ that one or more of its clinical clerkship students has been rejected by a hospital because the hospital's clinical clerkship positions were filled to capacity, the alternatively accredited medical school shall take immediate steps to withdraw a corresponding number of its students from its clinical clerkship program at the hospital so that the students at UMDNJ are able to secure clerkship positions at that hospital. UMDNJ would be required to provide the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC), which is responsible for approving clerkship programs under this bill, with a letter from the hospital, which states that the hospital's clinical clerkship program is filled to capacity; or

(2) If UMDNJ receives notice from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, in the course of its standard four-year review, that the committee finds that a teaching hospital does not have the capacity to support all of the clerkship positions or programs that are currently operating at the hospital and the accreditation status of UMDNJ may be in jeopardy because of the lack of capacity at that hospital, the alternatively accredited medical school shall take immediate steps to withdraw its students from its clerkship program at the hospital. If UMDNJ receives this notice, it shall provide AGMEC with a letter from the committee stating the committee's findings.

In addition, the bill provides that if an alteratively accredited medical school is required to withdraw any of its students from a hospital for the reasons listed above, the school shall not be permitted to increase the number of students participating in the school's clinical clerkship program at that hospital until such time as the school provides a letter from the hospital or the committee, as appropriate, which states that the hospital has sufficient capacity to absorb the increase without jeopardizing existing clinical clerkship programs at that hospital operated by the State-funded institution.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The bill contains provisions regarding arrangements to be followed between the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ) and an

alternatively accredited medical school (foreign medical school) when both operate clinical clerkship programs in a particular hospital. Committee amendments specify that such arrangements are only to apply in cases when a State-funded institution of higher education and an alternatively accredited medical school both operate clinical clerkship programs at a teaching hospital with an institutional academic clinical clerkship agreement with that State-funded institution of higher education.

It is the Committee's understanding that efforts will be made not to disrupt currently existing clinical clerkship rotations.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 919

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2002

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 919.

This substitute creates a process, through the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC), for approving clinical clerkship programs for alternatively accredited medical schools located outside the United States that choose to establish their clinical clerkship programs in teaching hospitals in this State. The substitute also creates an 11-member "Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships" within the Commission on Higher Education.

Clinical Clerkship Program Approval Process: The substitute defines "alternatively accredited medical school" to mean a medical school located outside the United States: (1) in a country that applies accreditation standards that have been determined by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation within the United States Department of Education to be comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical schools located within the United States; (2) that continues to meet the accreditation standards of that country; and (3) has medical school students participating in a clinical clerkship program in New Jersey prior to the effective date of this act, or is approved by the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC) pursuant to this substitute to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.

The substitute provides that an alternatively accredited medical school that is operating a clinical clerkship program on the effective date of this substitute is authorized to continue its existing clinical clerkship program, provided it maintains its accreditation status as provided in the substitute.

A medical school located outside of the United States that does not operate a clinical clerkship program in the State, but otherwise meets the definition of an alternatively accredited medical school, may apply to AGMEC to be approved to operate a clinical clerkship program in

this State.

AGMEC is directed to adopt regulations specifying the criteria for approval of a foreign medical school to operate a clinical clerkship program in the State, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to, satisfactory evaluation, pursuant to a site visit, of the applicant's institution, including both its main campus and any clinical facilities in locations other than the main campus. The substitute provides that the applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by AGMEC for conducting the site visit, and for reviewing and processing the application.

After a medical school is approved to operate a clinical clerkship program, it may apply to AGMEC for authorization to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this State, in accordance with standards adopted by AGMEC. A medical school that has been approved to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this State shall be deemed an alternatively accredited medical school, provided it maintains its accreditation status as provided in the substitute.

With respect to increasing the number of students participating in clinical clerkships or the number of programs operated by the school, the substitute provides that an alternatively accredited medical school may apply to AGMEC to request the increase. AGMEC is required to notify the applicant, in writing, of the approval or disapproval of an application within 90 days; except that, if AGMEC determines that the application is not complete or additional information is required before it can make a determination, AGMEC shall notify the applicant in writing and have an additional 90 days after receipt of the requested information to approve or disapprove the application. If AGMEC does not affirmatively approve or disapprove the application, or request additional information concerning the application, within 90 days of its submission, the application shall be deemed approved.

The substitute provides that AGMEC shall approve an application if the applicant demonstrates that it meets the registration standards comparable to those promulgated by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which include, but are not limited to: (1) a requirement that a medical student who will participate in a clinical clerkship program shall have successfully completed the United States Medical Licensure Examination - Part 1; (2) the hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations; (3) the clinical clerkship program shall take place in a hospital with an approved AGMEC or American Osteopathic Association residency training program in the clinical area of instruction for which credit is sought; (4) clinical instruction shall be supervised by a Director of Medical Education; (5) clinical instruction shall be provided pursuant to a written agreement that includes a written curriculum for each individual clinical subject; (6) the hospital shall insure that there is a minimum daily census in each clerkship area that will meet the instructional needs of the clinical subject; (7) the hospital shall have on the premises a library facility that has adequate resources to support

clinical clerkships in each core area; (8) each department chair shall be board certified in the specialty area in his department; and (9) the hospital shall ensure a ratio of no less than one medical resident for every two clinical clerkship students.

If AGMEC disapproves the application, the notification of disapproval shall specify each deficiency, including the reason the applicant failed to meet the registration standards, and shall provide information on remedial steps that applicant must take to meet the standard. An applicant shall be provided the opportunity to submit evidence of remediation, within a time period specified by AGMEC. The substitute provides that the applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by AGMEC for reviewing and processing the application.

The substitute provides that the Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with AGMEC, shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this substitute.

Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships: The Advisory Committee is directed to:

- C Recommend standards for appropriate facilities to be used in clinical clerkship programs operated by an alternatively accredited medical school;
- C Make recommendations as to the number and type of clinical clerkship programs that may be directed by an alternatively accredited medical school at a teaching hospital in this State, based upon the capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the community in which the hospital is located;
- C Review the clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited medical schools in this State; and
- C Make recommendations to AGMEC with respect to the operation of clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited medical schools at teaching hospitals in this State.

The members of the advisory committee shall include:

-- the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee, who shall serve ex officio;

-- four members appointed by the Governor who include one representative of the Medical Society of New Jersey, one representative of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, one representative of the New Jersey Hospital Association and one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school;

-- two members appointed by the President of the Senate who include one representative of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that has students from an alternatively accredited medical school participating in a clinical clerkship program;

-- two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly who include one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that

has students from a medical school of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in a clinical clerkship program;

-- one member appointed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; and

-- one member appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 919

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator RICE)

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 7, 2002

The purpose of these amendments is to ensure that the expansion of clinical clerkship programs in hospitals in the State by alternatively accredited medical schools (foreign medical schools) does not have an adverse impact on the clinical clerkship programs operated by a State-funded institution of higher education (the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, or UMDNJ).

Therefore, these amendments provide that if UMDNJ and an alternatively accredited medical school both operate clinical clerkship programs at the same hospital:

(1) Upon a showing by UMDNJ that one or more of its clinical clerkship students has been rejected by a hospital because the hospital's clinical clerkship positions were filled to capacity, the alternatively accredited medical school shall take immediate steps to withdraw a corresponding number of its students from its clinical clerkship program at the hospital so that the students at UMDNJ are able to secure clerkship positions at that hospital. UMDNJ would be required to provide the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC), which is responsible for approving clerkship programs under this substitute, with a letter from the hospital, which states that the hospital's clinical clerkship program is filled to capacity; or

(2) If UMDNJ receives notice from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, in the course of its standard four-year review, that the committee finds that a hospital does not have the capacity to support all of the clerkship positions or programs that are currently operating at the hospital and the accreditation status of UMDNJ may be in jeopardy because of the lack of capacity at that hospital, the alternatively accredited medical school shall take immediate steps to withdraw its students from its clerkship program at the hospital. If UMDNJ receives this notice, it shall provide AGMEC with a letter from the committee stating the committee's findings.

Amendments also provide that if an alteratively accredited medical school is required to withdraw any of its students from a hospital for the reasons listed above, the school shall not be permitted to increase the number of students participating in the school's clinical clerkship program at that hospital until such time as the school provides a letter to from the hospital or the committee, as appropriate, which states that

the hospital has sufficient capacity to absorb the increase without jeopardizing existing clinical clerkship programs at that hospital operated by the State-funded institution.

Amendments also make a technical correction to the reference to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, in section 5 of the substitute.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2896

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 10, 2002

Sponsored by:

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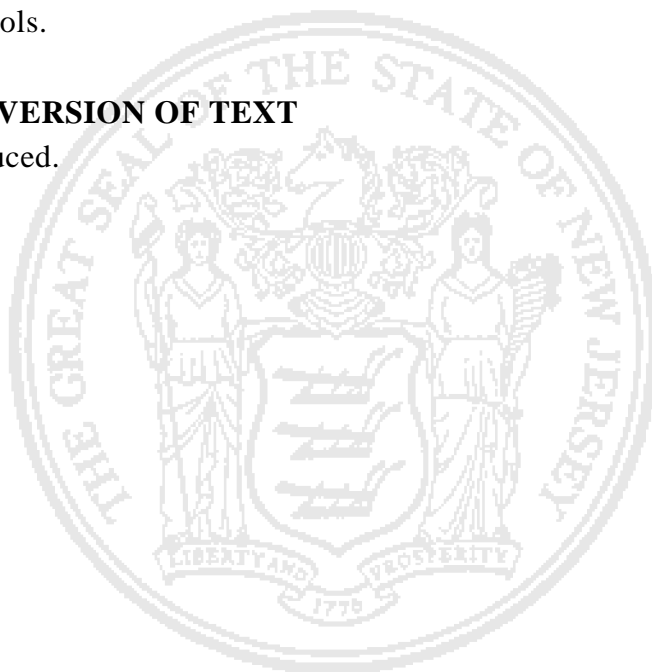
District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships and provides for clinical clerkships for students from foreign medical schools.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/29/2002)

1 AN ACT concerning certain medical school clinical clerkships and
2 supplementing P.L.1977, c.390 (C.18A:64H-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. There is created, within the Commission on Higher Education,
8 the "Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School
9 Clinical Clerkships."

10 The advisory committee shall consist of 11 members as follows: the
11 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee, who shall
12 serve ex officio; four members appointed by the Governor who include
13 one representative of the Medical Society of New Jersey, one
14 representative of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic
15 Physicians and Surgeons, one representative of the New Jersey
16 Hospital Association and one representative of an alternatively
17 accredited medical school; two members appointed by the President
18 of the Senate who include one representative of the New Jersey
19 Council of Teaching Hospitals and one representative of a teaching
20 hospital in New Jersey that has students from an alternatively
21 accredited medical school participating in a clinical clerkship program;
22 two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly who
23 include one representative of an alternatively accredited medical
24 school and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that
25 has students from a medical school of the University of Medicine and
26 Dentistry of New Jersey in a clinical clerkship program; one member
27 appointed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; and one member
28 appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry
29 of New Jersey. No two members of the advisory committee shall be
30 representatives of the same medical school or hospital.

31 b. Members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of
32 their appointment and until their successors are appointed and
33 qualified, except that of the members first appointed, four members
34 shall serve for a term of one year, three members shall serve for a term
35 of two years and three members shall serve for a term of three years.
36 Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the
37 same manner as the original appointments were made. A member of
38 the advisory committee shall be eligible for reappointment.

39 c. The members of the advisory committee shall serve without
40 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable
41 expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties, within
42 the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
43 advisory committee for this purpose.

44 d. The advisory committee shall select a chairman from among its
45 members, who shall serve a one-year term but may serve successive
46 terms. The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the

1 chairman or of a majority of its members. A majority of the members
2 of the advisory committee shall constitute a quorum, and no action of
3 the advisory committee shall be taken except upon the affirmative vote
4 of a majority of the members of the entire advisory committee.

5 e. As used in this act, "alternatively accredited medical school"
6 means a medical school located outside the United States: (1) in a
7 country that applies accreditation standards that have been determined
8 by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and
9 Accreditation within the United States Department of Education to be
10 comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical schools
11 located within the United States; (2) that continues to meet the
12 accreditation standards of that country; and (3) has medical school
13 students participating in a clinical clerkship program in New Jersey
14 prior to the effective date of this act, or is approved by the Advisory
15 Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey pursuant to
16 section 4 of this act to operate a clinical clerkship program in this
17 State.

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19 2. The Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical
20 School Clinical Clerkships shall:

21 a. Recommend standards for appropriate facilities to be used in
22 clinical clerkship programs operated by an alternatively accredited
23 medical school;

24 b. Make recommendations as to the number and type of clinical
25 clerkship programs that may be directed by an alternatively accredited
26 medical school at a teaching hospital in this State, based upon the
27 capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the community
28 in which the hospital is located;

29 c. Review the clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively
30 accredited medical schools in this State, and prepare a report which
31 shall include, but not be limited to, a description and analysis of:

32 (1) the teacher to student ratio, the resident to clinical clerkship
33 student ratio and the capacity of each teaching hospital operating a
34 clinical clerkship program;

35 (2) the number and type of clerkship positions that are filled and
36 the number and type of clerkship positions that are requested by
37 alternatively accredited medical schools;

38 (3) the number of alternatively accredited medical school graduates
39 who participated in clinical clerkships in the State and have attained
40 residencies in New Jersey;

41 (4) the types and locations of residencies accepted by clinical
42 clerkship students, identifying types and locations of residencies
43 accepted by students of alternatively accredited medical schools and
44 of medical schools located within the United States;

45 (5) the degree of success of the clinical clerkship programs
46 operated by alternatively accredited medical schools as measured by

1 the use of the same criteria as published in the Journal of the American
2 Medical Association annual education report; and

3 (6) any recommendations to the Legislature, including any
4 proposed legislation, which it may desire to recommend for enactment;
5 and

6 d. Make recommendations to the Advisory Graduate Medical
7 Education Council of New Jersey with respect to the operation of
8 clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited
9 medical schools at teaching hospitals in this State.

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11 3. An alternatively accredited medical school that is operating a
12 clinical clerkship program on the effective date of this act is authorized
13 to continue its existing clinical clerkship program, provided it
14 maintains its accreditation status as provided in subsection e. of
15 section 1 of this act.

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17 4. a . A medical school located outside of the United States: (1) in
18 a country that applies accreditation standards that have been
19 determined by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education
20 and Accreditation within the United States Department of Education
21 to be comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical
22 schools located within the United States; and (2) that continues to
23 meet the accreditation standards of that country, but is not an
24 alternatively accredited medical school on the effective date of this act,
25 as that term is defined in this act, may apply to the Advisory Graduate
26 Medical Education Council of New Jersey, pursuant to this section, to
27 be approved to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.

28 b. The council shall adopt regulations specifying the criteria for
29 approval of a foreign medical school to operate a clinical clerkship
30 program in the State. The criteria shall include, but not be limited to,
31 satisfactory evaluation, pursuant to a site visit, of the applicant's
32 institution, including both its main campus and any clinical facilities in
33 locations other than the main campus.

34 c. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by
35 persons designated by the council, who are experienced in medical
36 education program evaluation, for conducting the site visit, and by the
37 council for reviewing and processing the application.

38 d. After a medical school is approved by the council to operate a
39 clinical clerkship program, it may apply to the council for
40 authorization to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this
41 State, in accordance with standards adopted by the council. The
42 standards shall include, but not be limited to, those standards listed in
43 paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection b. of section 5 of this act.

44 e. A medical school that has been approved by the council,
45 pursuant to this act, to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in
46 this State shall be deemed an alternatively accredited medical school

1 for the purposes of this act, provided it maintains its accreditation
2 status as provided in subsection e. of section 1 of this act.

3 f. A medical school authorized to operate a specific clinical
4 clerkship program pursuant to this section may apply to the council to
5 increase the number of students participating in the clinical clerkships
6 or to increase the number of programs operated by the school,
7 pursuant to the requirements of section 5 of this act.

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9 5. The Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New
10 Jersey shall review each application made by an alternatively
11 accredited medical school to increase the number of students
12 participating in clinical clerkships or to increase the number of
13 programs operated by the school. The application shall be made in a
14 form and manner prescribed by the council.

15 a. The council shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the approval
16 or disapproval of an application within 90 days; except that, if the
17 council determines that the application is not complete or additional
18 information is required before the council can make a determination,
19 the council shall notify the applicant in writing and shall have an
20 additional 90 days after receipt of the requested information to
21 approve or disapprove the application. If the council does not
22 affirmatively approve or disapprove the application, or request
23 additional information concerning the application, within 90 days of its
24 submission, the application shall be deemed approved.

25 b. The council shall approve an application if the applicant
26 demonstrates that it meets the registration standards comparable to
27 those promulgated by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education,
28 which include, but are not limited to: (1) a requirement that a medical
29 student who will participate in a clinical clerkship program shall have
30 successfully completed the United States Medical Licensing
31 Examination - Step 1; (2) the hospital is accredited by the Joint
32 Commission on Accreditation of HealthCare Organizations; (3) the
33 clinical clerkship program shall take place in a hospital with an
34 approved Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New
35 Jersey or American Osteopathic Association residency training
36 program in the clinical area of instruction for which credit is sought;
37 (4) clinical instruction shall be supervised by a Director of Medical
38 Education; (5) clinical instruction shall be provided pursuant to a
39 written agreement that includes a written curriculum for each
40 individual clinical subject; (6) the hospital shall insure that there is a
41 minimum daily census in each clerkship area that will meet the
42 instructional needs of the clinical subject; (7) the hospital shall have on
43 the premises a library facility that has adequate resources to support
44 clinical clerkships in each core area; (8) each department chair shall be
45 board certified in the specialty area in his department; and (9) the
46 hospital shall ensure a ratio of no less than one medical resident for

1 every two clinical clerkship students.

2 c. If the council disapproves the application, the notification of
3 disapproval shall specify each deficiency, including the reason the
4 applicant failed to meet the registration standards, and shall provide
5 information on remedial steps that applicant must take to meet the
6 standard. An applicant shall be provided the opportunity to submit
7 evidence of remediation, within a time period specified by the council.

8 d. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the
9 council for reviewing and processing the application.

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11 6. The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the
12 Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey, shall
13 adopt regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
14 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) necessary to carry out the
15 purposes of this act.

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17 7. This act shall take effect 180 days after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill creates a process, through the Advisory Graduate Medical
23 Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC), for approving clinical
24 clerkship programs for alternatively accredited medical schools located
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36 accreditation standards applied to medical schools located within the
37 United States; (2) that continues to meet the accreditation standards
38 of that country; and (3) has medical school students participating in a
39 clinical clerkship program in New Jersey prior to the effective date of
40 this act, or is approved by the Advisory Graduate Medical Education
41 Council of New Jersey (AGMEC) pursuant to this bill to operate a
42 clinical clerkship program in this State.

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44 that is operating a clinical clerkship program on the effective date of
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42 Medical Licensure Examination - Part 1; (2) the hospital is accredited
43 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations;
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20 The bill provides that the Commission on Higher Education, in
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23 **Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical**
24 **School Clinical Clerkships:** The Advisory Committee is directed to:

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27 medical school;
- 28 C Make recommendations as to the number and type of clinical
29 clerkship programs that may be directed by an alternatively
30 accredited medical school at a teaching hospital in this State, based
31 upon the capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the
32 community in which the hospital is located;
- 33 C Review the clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively
34 accredited medical schools in this State; and
- 35 C Make recommendations to AGMEC with respect to the operation
36 of clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited
37 medical schools at teaching hospitals in this State.

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39 -- the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee,
40 who shall serve ex officio;

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42 representative of the Medical Society of New Jersey, one
43 representative of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic
44 Physicians and Surgeons, one representative of the New Jersey
45 Hospital Association and one representative of an alternatively
46 accredited medical school;

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- 1 -- two members appointed by the President of the Senate who
2 include one representative of the New Jersey Council of Teaching
3 Hospitals and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey
4 that has students from an alternatively accredited medical school
5 participating in a clinical clerkship program;
- 6 -- two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly
7 who include one representative of an alternatively accredited medical
8 school and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that
9 has students from a medical school of the University of Medicine and
10 Dentistry of New Jersey in a clinical clerkship program;
- 11 -- one member appointed by the State Board of Medical Examiners;
12 and
- 13 -- one member appointed by the President of the University of
14 Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS AND
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2896

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2002

The Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2896.

This bill creates a process, through the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC), for approving clinical clerkship programs for alternatively accredited medical schools located outside the United States that choose to establish their clinical clerkship programs in teaching hospitals in this State. The bill also creates an 11-member "Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships" within the Commission on Higher Education.

Clinical Clerkship Program Approval Process: The bill defines "alternatively accredited medical school" to mean a medical school located outside the United States: (1) in a country that applies accreditation standards that have been determined by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation within the United States Department of Education to be comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical schools located within the United States; (2) that continues to meet the accreditation standards of that country; and (3) has medical school students participating in a clinical clerkship program in New Jersey prior to the effective date of this act, or is approved by the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey (AGMEC) pursuant to this bill to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.

The bill provides that an alternatively accredited medical school that is operating a clinical clerkship program on the effective date of this bill is authorized to continue its existing clinical clerkship program, provided it maintains its accreditation status as provided in the bill.

A medical school located outside of the United States that does not operate a clinical clerkship program in the State, but otherwise meets the definition of an alternatively accredited medical school, may apply to AGMEC to be approved to operate a clinical clerkship program in this State.

AGMEC is directed to adopt regulations specifying the criteria for approval of a foreign medical school to operate a clinical clerkship program in the State, which criteria shall include, but not be limited to,

satisfactory evaluation, pursuant to a site visit, of the applicant's institution, including both its main campus and any clinical facilities in locations other than the main campus. The bill provides that the applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by AGMEC for conducting the site visit, and for reviewing and processing the application.

After a medical school is approved to operate a clinical clerkship program, it may apply to AGMEC for authorization to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this State, in accordance with standards adopted by AGMEC. A medical school that has been approved to operate a specific clinical clerkship program in this State shall be deemed an alternatively accredited medical school, provided it maintains its accreditation status as provided in the bill.

With respect to increasing the number of students participating in clinical clerkships or the number of programs operated by the school, the bill provides that an alternatively accredited medical school may apply to AGMEC to request the increase. AGMEC is required to notify the applicant, in writing, of the approval or disapproval of an application within 90 days; except that, if AGMEC determines that the application is not complete or additional information is required before it can make a determination, AGMEC shall notify the applicant in writing and have an additional 90 days after receipt of the requested information to approve or disapprove the application. If AGMEC does not affirmatively approve or disapprove the application, or request additional information concerning the application, within 90 days of its submission, the application shall be deemed approved.

The bill provides that AGMEC shall approve an application if the applicant demonstrates that it meets registration standards comparable to those promulgated by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which include, but are not limited to: (1) a requirement that a medical student who will participate in a clinical clerkship program shall have successfully completed the United States Medical Licensure Examination - Part 1; (2) the hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations; (3) the clinical clerkship program shall take place in a hospital with an approved AGMEC or American Osteopathic Association residency training program in the clinical area of instruction for which credit is sought; (4) clinical instruction shall be supervised by a director of medical education; (5) clinical instruction shall be provided pursuant to a written agreement that includes a written curriculum for each individual clinical subject; (6) the hospital shall insure that there is a minimum daily census in each clerkship area that will meet the instructional needs of the clinical subject; (7) the hospital shall have on the premises a library facility that has adequate resources to support clinical clerkships in each core area; (8) each department chair shall be board certified in the specialty area in his department; and (9) the hospital shall ensure a ratio of no less than one medical resident for every two clinical clerkship students.

If AGMEC disapproves the application, the notification of

disapproval shall specify each deficiency, including the reason the applicant failed to meet the registration standards, and shall provide information on remedial steps that applicant must take to meet the standard. An applicant shall be provided the opportunity to submit evidence of remediation, within a time period specified by AGMEC. The bill provides that the applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by AGMEC for reviewing and processing the application.

The bill provides that the Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with AGMEC, shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this bill.

Advisory Committee on Alternatively Accredited Medical School Clinical Clerkships: The Advisory Committee is directed to:

- C Recommend standards for appropriate facilities to be used in clinical clerkship programs operated by an alternatively accredited medical school;
- C Make recommendations as to the number and type of clinical clerkship programs that may be directed by an alternatively accredited medical school at a teaching hospital in this State, based upon the capacity of that hospital and the health care needs of the community in which the hospital is located;
- C Review the clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited medical schools in this State; and
- C Make recommendations to AGMEC with respect to the operation of clinical clerkship programs operated by alternatively accredited medical schools at teaching hospitals in this State.

The members of the advisory committee shall include:

-- the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or his designee, who shall serve ex officio;

-- four members appointed by the Governor who include one representative of the Medical Society of New Jersey, one representative of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, one representative of the New Jersey Hospital Association and one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school;

-- two members appointed by the President of the Senate who include one representative of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that has students from an alternatively accredited medical school participating in a clinical clerkship program;

-- two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly who include one representative of an alternatively accredited medical school and one representative of a teaching hospital in New Jersey that has students from a medical school of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in a clinical clerkship program;

-- one member appointed by the State Board of Medical Examiners; and

-- one member appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2896

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblymen CONAWAY and MORAN)

ADOPTED: MAY 15, 2003

These amendments contain provisions regarding arrangements to be followed between the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ) and an alternatively accredited medical school (foreign medical school) when both operate clinical clerkship programs in a particular hospital. The amendments specify that such arrangements are only to apply in cases when a State-funded institution of higher education and an alternatively accredited medical school both operate clinical clerkship programs at a teaching hospital with an institutional academic clinical clerkship agreement with that State-funded institution of higher education. The amendments also make a technical correction to the reference to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, in section 5 of the bill.

As amended, this bill is identical to the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 919 (2R).