

## S 3305

### Supporting Graduate Medical Education at Community Hospitals Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 31, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6056	Related bill	Jun 14, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 4552	Related bill	Dec 8, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 S 1291	Related bill	Jun 6, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 284	Related bill	Jan 25, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Supporting Graduate Medical Education at Community Hospitals Act of 2018**

This bill revises payment rules under Medicare for graduate medical education (GME) costs with respect to a hospital that establishes a new medical residency training program.

If a hospital has not entered into a GME affiliation agreement, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must establish the hospital's full-time equivalent (FTE) resident amount only after determining that the hospital's medical residency training program trains more than 1.0 FTE resident in a cost reporting period. If a hospital has an approved FTE resident amount that is based on other specified thresholds, the CMS must give the hospital the opportunity to have the amount reestablished when the hospital begins training FTE residents in excess of the applicable threshold.

The bill also establishes similar thresholds for new determinations of certain adjustments to hospital payment limitations regarding FTE residents in allopathic and osteopathic medicine; a hospital that has an adjustment has the opportunity to have it redetermined once the applicable threshold is exceeded.

### **Actions Timeline**

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