

65-2874. Accredited school of medicine defined; rules and regulations establishing criteria; questionnaire developed by board; authority to contract for assistance in obtaining information about schools. (a) An accredited school of medicine for the purpose of this act shall be a school or college which requires the study of medicine and surgery in all of its branches, which the board shall determine to have educational standards substantially equivalent to the minimum educational standards for medical colleges as established by the liaison committee on medical education or any successor organization that is the official accrediting body of educational programs leading to the degree of doctor of medicine and recognized for such purpose by the federal department of education and the council on postsecondary education. All such schools shall be approved by the board.

(b) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which a school shall satisfy in meeting the standard established under subsection (a). The criteria shall establish the minimum standards in the following areas:

- (1) Admission requirements;
- (2) basic science coursework;
- (3) clinical coursework;
- (4) qualification of faculty;
- (5) ratio of faculty to students;
- (6) library;
- (7) clinical facilities;
- (8) equipment;
- (9) financial qualifications;
- (10) graduation requirements; and
- (11) accreditation by independent agency.

(c) The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the school meets the requirements of this statute or rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this statute. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the school to be considered for approval.

(d) The board is authorized to contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about schools. In entering such contracts the authority to approve schools shall remain solely with the board.

History: L. 1957, ch. 343, § 74; L. 1985, ch. 216, § 3; L. 2014, ch. 131, § 32; July 1, 2015.