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Act 181 of the 2003 Legislature requires the Medical Education Council to submit a summary report of the expenditures of program monies authorized by the council.

The Council held a Graduate Medical Education (GME) Retreat on March 10, 2005, and had an official meeting on August 3, 2005. The Council's new Chair is Dr. T. Samuel Shomaker, Interim Dean of the School of Medicine.

The Council has been researching and modeling projected physician manpower shortages as well as discussing strategic plans for meeting those shortages, which occupy several intersecting planes. Representative examples include:

- Geographic disparities (rural versus urban needs)
- Specialty disparities (e.g., neurosurgical and orthopedic surgical needs versus less acute but trending needs in obstetrics, anesthesiology)
- Productivity shortages (e.g., decreasing participation in hospital-based practices, increasing focus on working-hour boundaries required for families with both parents employed and decreasing physician portion of the family income)
- Aging physician population and out-of-state migration

The Council has been working with other entities (Department of Health, hospitals, research and manpower planning consortia, consultants) to provide research of graduate medical education funding sources.

All new appointees to the Council have been oriented to the Council's operations and the statute governing its mission.

No expenditures of program monies have been made nor have any monies been deposited in the Special Fund as established by Act 181.