

**RESOLUTION 85 - 05A**

**Title: Grants for Political Training Courses**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee B**  
**House Action:**

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**Whereas, the legislative process is complex, and**

**Whereas, the experience and training of physicians does not ordinarily include exposure to the complexities of the legislative process, and**

**Whereas, relatively short courses/seminars/educational meetings exist which might provide a very high quality educational experience with regard to the formulation, introduction, timing, and lobbying for legislation, and**

**Whereas, the cost for such course work is in the range of \$ 3,000 - \$4,000, exclusive of the cost of room, board, and travel (for example, Skills for the New World of Healthcare at the Harvard Kennedy School for Government and the Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at the Heller School of Public Policy and Management at Brandeis University); therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS offer a total of \$10,000.00 in grant funds for three to five Michigan physicians per year to attend political training courses and that the award process be based on a competitive application process and that the grantees subsequently serve for two years in an advisory capacity to the legislative committee of MSMS and to the Michigan Doctor's Political Action Committee.**

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