

SUBJECT: OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENT TRACKING

SUBMITTED BY: Indiana Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

REFERRED TO: Committee on Professional Affairs

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1 WHEREAS, divisional state societies affiliated with the American Osteopathic Association  
2 frequently wish to communicate with osteopathic medical students who are natives  
3 of their states; and

4 WHEREAS, some state osteopathic associations or their affiliated foundations frequently  
5 offer support to osteopathic medical students from their states; and

6 WHEREAS, many colleges of osteopathic medicine do not share names of their entering  
7 students with other members of the osteopathic family and may not know which  
8 states or countries the students are from; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association, working through its Department  
10 of Membership, and with the Association of American Colleges of Osteopathic  
11 Medicine and their members **IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAMILY**  
12 **EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**, identify the **IR**  
13 home state (or country) of each entering osteopathic medical student each year and  
14 provide the names and addresses of these students to their respective ~~state~~ **STATE**  
15 **OSTEOPATHIC** associations; **AND, BE IT FURTHER**

16 **RESOLVED, THAT THIS INFORMATION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STATE**  
17 **ASSOCIATIONS THROUGH A DATA AGREEMENT WITH THE**  
18 **AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION.**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: THE EXISTING FERPA LAW PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE ABILITY TO OPT OUT FROM HAVING THEIR INFORMATION SHARED.**

ACTION TAKEN APPROVED AS AMENDED

DATE 7/17/09