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Middle Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College are joining forces to tackle the state’s doctor shortage by creating a pioneering, state-sponsored fast track from undergraduate to medical school. Students accepted into the special program would attend three years at MTSU, earn a bachelor’s degree and then go straight into three years of medical school at Meharry, according to an early outline of the plan.

Students accepted into the special program would have to agree to work for at least two years in parts of Tennessee that need doctors the most. In return, the students would have to agree to work for at least two years in parts of Tennessee that need doctors the most.

A $750,000 pot of state funding would offset their tuition.

Where TN stands

As it stands, most Tennesseans will be left bare next year by exiting individual health insurance plans. The 2018 insurance landscape is shaping up to be far from crowded, a flurry of new filings with the state reveals.

Tennessee’s insurance market reopened, more of a popup insurance shop in past years than a stable marketplace. While not as dire as it appeared in recent months, a precarious patchwork of coverage is emerging for 2018.

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- Aetna, statewide off exchange
- BlueCross BlueShield Health Plans, statewide off exchange
- Humana

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Federal authorities are poised to probe a surfeit of potentially illegal donations and contributions involving state Sen. Brian Kelsey, five other state lawmakers — including House Majority Leader Glen Casada — and four political action committees.

The flow of money into and out of Kelsey’s failed 2016 congressional bid is the focus of a federal investigation into his campaign with the Federal Election Commission and a letter sent to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The complaint and letter stem from a USA TODAY NETWORK-Tennessee investigation earlier this month that found Kelsey and others may have been involved in illegal straw donations, improper coordination and other possible conflicts of interest.

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**Summit finds himself**

Living ‘other life’ after mom’s death, leaving job. Sports, 1C
The state has seven primary care physicians per capita, compared to the national average of seven primary care physicians per 1,000 people. This shortage is acute in rural communities. The state average has one primary care physician for every 1,500 residents. Nationally, that is listed as a primary care doctor in a rural area.

Details are still being hammered out, but the people involved with the task force will officially commit to developing the program, said Rep. John DeBerry, the state Capital. The plan is to begin enrolling students in the fall of 2019.

Nicholas Coley, a Meharry Medical College graduate, said the new partnership “will allow people to follow their hearts instead of having to follow their pocketbooks.”

Kelsey

son, D.C.-based Campaign Legal Center, one of the organizations to file the FEC complaints.

"Kelsey appears to have stacked her legal and financial advisors, and we anticipate that federal authori- ties will take this very seriously," said Kelsey is accused of violating straw donor prohibitions by purportedly or- dering given their connections to the en- terprise. In the past, the FEC has al- ready subjected to independent in- vestigation and al scrutiny. In the past, the FEC has al- ready subjected to independent in- vestigation and al scrutiny. In the past, the FEC has al- ready subjected to independent in- vestigation and al scrutiny. In the past, the FEC has al- ready subjected to independent in- vestigation and al scrutiny. In the past, the FEC has al- already subjected to independent in- vestigation and al scrutiny. In the past, the FEC has already subjected to independent in- vestigation and al scrutiny. In the past, the FEC has al- ready subjected to independent in- vestigation and al scrutiny. In the past, the FEC has al- ready subjected to independent in- 
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