

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1411

By: Cox

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An Act relating to education; establishing the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program; stating purpose of the act; providing eligibility criteria; providing for repayment of funds under certain conditions; creating fund and providing procedures; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 697.21 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby established the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage persons to enter physician assistant education programs and to practice in rural and medically underserved areas of this state. The Physician Assistant Scholarship Program shall be administered by the Physician Manpower Training Commission pursuant to rules promulgated by the Commission and shall be funded based on an annual estimate of need as determined by the Commission.

B. Only students who are residents of this state and who have been admitted as a student in an accredited physician assistant program shall be eligible to participate in the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program.

C. If a person receiving Physician Assistant Scholarship Program monies fails to fully comply with the provisions of the contract for the monies, the person shall refund to the Physician

Manpower Training Commission all monies received by the person pursuant to the provisions of the contract plus interest at a rate that equals the prime interest rate plus one percent (1%) from the date of disbursement of the funds and shall be liable for any other liquidated damages as specified in the contract.

D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Physician Manpower Training Commission to be designated the "Physician Assistant Scholarship Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Physician Manpower Training Commission for implementation of the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Physician Manpower Training Commission for such scholarships as may be provided for pursuant to the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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