

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1411

By: Cox, Johnson, Dorman,
Blackwell, Braddock, Carey,
Winchester, Duncan, Nance
and Sullivan of the House

and

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(education - Physician Assistant Scholarship
Program - eligibility - codification - effective
date -
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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate