

CS for EHB 1411

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Wednesday, April 13, 2005

3 Committee Substitute for
4 ENGROSSED
5 House Bill No. 1411

6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1411 - By: COX,
7 JOHNSON, DORMAN, BLACKWELL, BRADDOCK, CAREY, WINCHESTER, DUNCAN,
8 NANCE and SULLIVAN of the House and PADDACK of the Senate.

9 [education - Physician Assistant Scholarship Program -
10 eligibility - codification - effective date -
11 emergency]

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

15 A. Subject to the availability of funds, there is hereby
16 established the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program. The
17 purpose of the program is to encourage persons to enter physician
18 assistant education programs and to practice in rural and medically
19 underserved areas of this state. The Physician Assistant
20 Scholarship Program shall be administered by the Physician Manpower
21 Training Commission pursuant to rules promulgated by the Commission
22 and shall be funded based on an annual estimate of need as
23 determined by the Commission.

24 B. Only students who are residents of this state and who have
25 been admitted as a student in an accredited physician assistant

1 program shall be eligible to participate in the Physician Assistant
2 Scholarship Program.

3 C. If a person receiving Physician Assistant Scholarship
4 Program monies fails to fully comply with the provisions of the
5 contract for the monies, the person shall refund to the Physician
6 Manpower Training Commission all monies received by the person
7 pursuant to the provisions of the contract plus interest at a rate
8 that equals the prime interest rate plus one percent (1%) from the
9 date of disbursement of the funds and shall be liable for any other
10 liquidated damages as specified in the contract.

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

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

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-6-05 - DO
7 PASS, As Amended.