

An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 697.10 and 697.11, which relate to residency and internship programs; updating statutory citations; authorizing the Physician Manpower Training Commission to enter into certain contractual arrangements for the reimbursement of intern and resident professional liability insurance cost; requiring reimbursement of all intern and resident positions; creating the Intern and Residents Professional Liability Insurance Fund; providing for source of funds and expenditure procedures; deleting obsolete language relating to additional residency and internship positions; stating legislative intent for the Commission to establish a Critical Need Internship and Residency Program; stating purpose of the Program; requiring certain entities to make a determination of areas of critical need; requiring a report of findings; directing certain entities to provide an annual report of areas of physician shortages; stating purpose of the report; creating the Critical Need Internship and Residency Fund; providing for source of funds and expenditure procedures; establishing the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program; stating purpose of the act; providing for administration of the Program and estimate of funding; making awards contingent upon funding; providing for the number and amount of awards; providing eligibility criteria; providing for repayment of funds under certain conditions; establishing repayment interest rate; providing for payment of other damages; creating the Physician Assistant Scholarship Fund; providing for source of funds and expenditure procedures; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.