

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1043

By: Sears, Hickman, Proctor and
Inman of the House

6 and

7 Crain of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 [public health and safety - Oklahoma Medical Loan
11 Repayment Program - purpose - eligibility
12 requirements - report - codification - effective
13 date]

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2720 of Title 63, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited
19 as the "Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program".

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2721 of Title 63, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. 1. The Physician Manpower Training Commission shall
24 administer the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program.

1 2. For the purposes of this section, "primary care physicians"
2 shall mean physicians practicing in family medicine, geriatrics,
3 general internal medicine, general pediatrics,
4 obstetrics/gynecology, or emergency medicine.

5 3. The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide
6 educational loan repayment assistance for up to six Oklahoma
7 licensed primary care physicians per year who agree to establish a
8 practice in a community located in Oklahoma approved by the
9 Commission.

10 4. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
11 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
12 participant on an annual basis with disbursements not to exceed
13 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year for a five-year
14 period. Prior to any disbursement, the Commission shall certify and
15 properly review reports submitted by the participating physician
16 detailing performance of activities in accordance with the Oklahoma
17 Medical Loan Repayment Program.

18 5. At the conclusion of an initial two-year period, the
19 Commission shall review the performance in the Program of the
20 participating physician and determine whether an award may be
21 granted for an additional three (3) years pursuant to rules
22 promulgated by the Commission.

23 B. The physicians entering the Program each year shall agree to
24 provide medical care and services in areas designated by the

1 Commission to provide medical care and services to Medicaid
2 recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

3 C. A physician shall be eligible to participate in the loan
4 repayment program if the physician:

5 1. Is licensed to practice medicine in Oklahoma; and

6 2. Is a new medical school graduate. Preference will be given
7 to graduates of the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic
8 Medicine and the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine; or

9 3. Is a current practicing physician and has met criteria
10 established by the Commission.

11 D. The physician shall agree to practice in the designated need
12 areas identified by the Commission for no fewer than two (2)
13 consecutive years as a condition of the loan repayment. If the
14 physician does not fulfill the service obligation, the Commission
15 may collect from the participant the entire amount of loan payments
16 made under the Program plus interest.

17 E. The Commission shall present a report on the operation of
18 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within
20 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the
21 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in
22 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2722 of Title 63, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The amount of the award of educational loan repayment assistance
5 shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount as promulgated by
6 rules of the Physician Manpower Training Commission pursuant to the
7 Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program. The actual amount of the
8 award shall be based upon a determination of:

- 9 1. Actual funds available to the Oklahoma Medical Loan
10 Repayment Program for expenditure; and
- 11 2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating
12 physician.

13 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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