

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1043

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

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4 Crain of the Senate

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8 ( public health and safety - Oklahoma Medical Loan  
9 Repayment Program - purpose - eligibility  
10 requirements - report -  
11 codification )  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 B. The physicians entering the Program each year shall agree to  
2 provide medical care and services in areas designated by the  
3 Commission to provide medical care and services to Medicaid  
4 recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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

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

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

11 3. Is a current practicing physician and has met criteria  
12 established by the Commission.

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

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

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 Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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18 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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