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THE STATE SENATE
Monday, February 23, 2009

Senate Bill No. 804
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 804 - By: Crain of the Senate and Sears of the House.

[higher education - Rural Primary Care Physician Loan Repayment Program - codification - effective date]

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 625.15 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Rural Primary Care Physician Loan Repayment Program which shall be administered by the Physician Manpower Training Commission. The purpose of this program is to provide an incentive for resident medical students to choose to practice in rural areas in primary care settings.

B. The program shall provide a loan repayment for eligible participants of up to a total of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) annually, renewable for up to four (4) years, contingent on the continued matching local financial commitment.

C. The program shall require a rural community in this state desiring to participate in the program to contribute an initial, matching local financial commitment of Seventeen Thousand Five

1 Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00) with the option to renew for up to four
2 (4) years.

3 D. The Commission shall establish the eligibility standards for
4 the program. In order to participate, physicians must commit to the
5 program and to a community by the end of their medical residency.
6 Preference shall be granted to applicants who choose to practice
7 medicine as a primary care physician in a rural area of this state.

8 E. A participant must designate which loans are to be repaid
9 and payments pursuant to this program will be made directly to the
10 lender on behalf of the participant.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-18-09 - DO
13 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.