

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE BILL 804

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; creating the
8 Rural Primary Care Physician Loan Repayment Program;
9 directing the Physician Manpower Training Commission
10 to administer the program; stating purpose; stating
11 program benefits; specifying certain local financial
12 commitment; directing Commission to set eligibility
13 standards; specifying certain deadline; providing
14 certain preference; specifying method of payment;
15 providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 625.15 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

26 B. The program shall provide a loan repayment for eligible
27 participants of up to a total of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars

1 (\$35,000.00) annually, renewable for up to four (4) years,
2 contingent on the continued matching local financial commitment.

3 C. The program shall require a rural community in this state
4 desiring to participate in the program to contribute an initial,
5 matching local financial commitment of Seventeen Thousand Five
6 Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00) with the option to renew for up to four
7 (4) years.

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

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

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

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