

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2587

By: Joyner of the House

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7 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
8 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2712, which relates to the  
9 Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program; increasing  
10 number of dentists eligible for education loan  
11 repayment assistance; requiring certain dentists to  
12 provide certain dental services; permitting Program  
13 to award additional nonfaculty dentists if no  
14 appropriate faculty applicants exist; requiring  
15 dentist participating in Program to execute contract  
16 pursuant to certain contract terms and rules  
17 promulgated by the State Department of Health; and  
18 providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2712, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1-2712. A. 1. The State Department of Health shall  
23 administer the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program.

24 2. The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide  
educational loan repayment assistance for up to ~~five~~ a total of  
twenty-five full-time equivalent Oklahoma licensed dentists per  
year, including new and continuing contract renewable participants.

1           3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be  
2 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the  
3 participant and the appropriate loan agency in equal monthly  
4 disbursements, not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars  
5 (\$25,000.00) per year for a maximum five-year period. Prior to any  
6 disbursement, the Department shall certify and properly review  
7 monthly reports submitted by the participating dentist detailing  
8 performance of activities in accordance with the Oklahoma Dental  
9 Loan Repayment Act.

10           4. At the conclusion of the ~~two-year period~~ minimum service  
11 obligation, the Department shall review the performance in the  
12 Program of the participating dentist and determine whether an award  
13 may be granted for an additional ~~three (3)~~ period not to exceed a  
14 total participation in the Program of five (5) years pursuant to  
15 rules promulgated by the Department.

16           B. ~~Four dentists each year~~ Any dentist entering the Program  
17 each year as a nonfaculty participant shall agree to provide dental  
18 care and services in a designated Dental Health Professional  
19 Shortage Area (DHPSA) of the state and agree to provide dental care  
20 and services to Medicaid recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma  
21 Health Care Authority. The Department shall be responsible for  
22 ensuring that at least thirty percent (30%) of the patients treated  
23 by the dentist will be Medicaid recipients.

1 C. ~~One~~ A dentist ~~each year~~ entering the ~~program~~ Program as a  
2 faculty participant shall agree to teach at the University of  
3 Oklahoma College of Dentistry. In the event there are no  
4 appropriate faculty applicants, the Program may award additional  
5 nonfaculty dentists.

6 D. A dentist shall be eligible to participate in the ~~loan~~  
7 ~~repayment program~~ Program if the dentist:

- 8 1. Is a new dental school graduate. Preference will be given  
9 to graduates of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry;
- 10 2. Is licensed to practice dentistry in Oklahoma; and
- 11 3. Has demonstrated financial need.

12 E. The dentist shall execute a contract with the Department to  
13 provide dental services ~~in a designated Dental Health Professional~~  
14 ~~Shortage Area and agree that thirty percent (30%) of his or her~~  
15 ~~patients will be Medicaid recipients~~ pursuant to the terms of the  
16 contract and in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department.

17 F. If the dentist does not fulfill the service obligation, the  
18 Department may collect from the participant the entire amount of  
19 loan payments made under the Program plus interest.

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

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

4 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of February,  
5 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
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10 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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