

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2017

By: Cox, Pittman, Ritze and  
Cannaday of the House

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8 Crain of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
12 Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 292, O.S.L. 2010 (63 O.S.  
13 Supp. 2010, Sections 1-2721 and 1-2722), which relate  
14 to the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program;  
15 removing the maximum number of physicians eligible to  
16 participate in Program; providing maximum amounts  
17 that a participant may receive at the end of certain  
18 years; modifying eligibility requirements for  
19 physicians participating in Program; permitting  
20 Physician Manpower Training Commission to utilize  
21 excess amounts to fund certain residency programs;  
22 providing for codification; and providing an  
23 effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 292, O.S.L.  
2010 (63 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1-2721), is amended to read as  
follows:

1 Section 1-2721. A. 1. The Physician Manpower Training  
2 Commission shall administer the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment  
3 Program.

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

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

13 4. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be  
14 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the  
15 participant ~~on an annual basis~~ at the end of each year with  
16 disbursements not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars  
17 (\$25,000.00) ~~per~~ for the first year, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars  
18 (\$35,000.00) for a five year period the second year, Forty-five  
19 Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for the third year, and Fifty-five  
20 Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) for the fourth year. Prior to any  
21 disbursement, the Commission shall certify and properly review  
22 reports submitted by the participating physician detailing  
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1 performance of activities in accordance with the ~~Oklahoma Medical~~  
2 ~~Loan Repayment~~ Program.

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

8 B. The physicians entering the Program each year shall agree to  
9 provide medical care and services in areas designated by the  
10 Commission to provide medical care and services to Medicaid  
11 recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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

14 1. Is licensed to practice medicine in Oklahoma; ~~and~~

15 2. Is a new ~~medical school~~ primary care residency graduate.

16 Preference will be given to graduates of the primary care residency  
17 programs affiliated with the Oklahoma State University College of  
18 Osteopathic Medicine ~~and~~, the University of Oklahoma College of  
19 Medicine and the teaching hospitals affiliated with both schools of  
20 medicine; or

21 3. Is a current practicing physician and has met criteria  
22 established by the Commission.

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

7 E. The Commission shall present a report on the operation of  
8 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within  
10 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the  
11 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in  
12 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 292, O.S.L.  
14 2010 (63 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1-2722), is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 Section 1-2722. The amount of the award of educational loan  
17 repayment assistance shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount  
18 as promulgated by rules of the Physician Manpower Training  
19 Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program.  
20 The actual amount of the award shall be based upon a determination  
21 of:

22 1. Actual funds available to the ~~Oklahoma Medical Loan~~  
23 ~~Repayment~~ Program for expenditure; and

1           2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating  
2 physician.

3           SECTION 3.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2723 of Title 63, unless there  
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6           A. The Physician Manpower Training Commission shall have the  
7 option of utilizing available funding in excess of the amount  
8 necessary to fund the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program  
9 described in Section 1-2721 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes to  
10 fund new or expanded primary care residency programs in rural and  
11 underserved areas of the state. Such new or expanded primary care  
12 residency program funding shall include but not be limited to:

13           1. Payments to hospitals desiring to establish new primary care  
14 residency programs. Such payments shall be made to cover the costs  
15 of salaries, benefits and educational costs of residents in training  
16 at the facility;

17           2. Payments to hospitals with existing primary residency  
18 programs desiring to expand the number of residents participating in  
19 those programs. Such payments shall be made to cover the costs of  
20 salaries, benefits and educational costs of residents in training at  
21 the facility; or

22           3. Payments of stipends to residents of new or existing primary  
23 care residency programs in exchange for a commitment to serve in a  
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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 rural or underserved area of the state as designated by the  
2 Commission.

3 B. Provisions of this section shall be subject to the  
4 promulgated rules of the Commission.

5 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02-24-2011 -  
8 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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