

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 9, 2012

3 As Amended

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 2587

6 By: Joyner of the House

7 and

8 Shortey of the Senate

9 **[public health and safety - dental loan repayment**
10 **program - effective date]**

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

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

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

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

20 3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
21 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
22 participant and the appropriate loan agency in equal monthly
23 disbursements, not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
24 (\$25,000.00) per year for a maximum five-year period. Prior to any

1 disbursement, the Department shall certify and properly review
2 monthly reports submitted by the participating dentist detailing
3 performance of activities in accordance with the Oklahoma Dental
4 Loan Repayment Act.

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

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

19 C. ~~One A dentist each year~~ entering the ~~program~~ Program as a
20 faculty participant shall agree to teach at the University of
21 Oklahoma College of Dentistry. In the event there are no
22 appropriate faculty applicants, the Program may award additional
23 nonfaculty dentists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-4-12 - DO
23 PASS, As Amended.

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