

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 1472

6 By: David

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8 An Act relating to state employee education loan
9 repayment; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1733, which
10 relates to agency payments for certain education
11 loans; authorizing the Department of Mental Health
12 and Substance Abuse Services to make direct payments
13 repaying education loans up to certain amount;
14 stating requirements; and providing an effective
15 date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1733, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1733. A. An agency may make direct payments not to
20 exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any twelve-month period,
21 on behalf of an eligible employee to any private or public entity
22 for which a qualified education loan expense is owed by the
23 employee.

24 B. With regard to payments made under ~~this act~~ Section 1731 et
seq. of this title, an agency shall not make cumulative payments on

1 behalf of any single employee that total an amount greater than
2 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

3 C. The provisions of this act shall only be applicable to
4 qualified education loan obligations incurred prior to employment
5 with the agency or qualified education loan obligations associated
6 with education directly related to employment incurred during
7 employment.

8 D. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
9 may make direct payments not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
10 (\$10,000.00) in any twelve-month period on behalf of an eligible
11 employee to any private or public entity for which a qualified
12 education loan expense is owed by the employee. With regard to
13 payments made under this subsection, the Department of Mental Health
14 and Substance Abuse Services shall not make cumulative payments on
15 behalf of any single employee that total an amount greater than
16 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). To be eligible for loan
17 repayment under this subsection, the employee must:

18 1. Commit to a mutually agreed upon term of employment with the
19 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

20 2. Be a licensed mental health provider as defined by 43A O.S.
21 Section 1-103;

22 3. Not have received any payment under subsection (A) of this
23 section. An otherwise eligible employee who has received payment
24 for a qualified education loan expense made under any other

1 provision except this subsection shall be precluded from receiving
2 payment under this subsection.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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