

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 1472

By: David of the Senate

and

Cox of the House

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

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

1 B. With regard to payments made under ~~this act~~ Section 1731 et  
2 seq. of this title, an agency shall not make cumulative payments on  
3 behalf of any single employee that total an amount greater than  
4 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

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

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

- 20 1. Commit to a mutually agreed upon term of employment with the  
21 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;  
22 2. Be a licensed mental health professional as defined by  
23 Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes; and  
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1        3. Not have received any payment under subsection A of this  
2 section. An otherwise eligible employee who has received payment  
3 for a qualified education loan expense made under any other  
4 provision except this subsection shall be precluded from receiving  
5 payment under this subsection.

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

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
9 04/10/2014 - DO PASS, As Amended.  
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