

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 12, 2014

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1472

By: David of the Senate

4 and

5 Cox of the House

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7 **[state employee education loan repayment - direct**
8 **payments - effective date]**

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

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1733, is

11 amended to read as follows:

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

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

21 C. The provisions of this act shall only be applicable to
22 qualified education loan obligations incurred prior to employment
23 with the agency or qualified education loan obligations associated
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1 with education directly related to employment incurred during
2 employment.

3 D. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
4 may make direct payments not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
5 (\$10,000.00) in any twelve-month period on behalf of an eligible
6 employee to any private or public entity for which a qualified
7 education loan expense is owed by the employee. With regard to
8 payments made under this subsection, the Department of Mental Health
9 and Substance Abuse Services shall not make cumulative payments on
10 behalf of any single employee that total an amount greater than
11 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). To be eligible for loan
12 repayment under this subsection, the employee must:

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

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

17 3. Not have received any payment under subsection (A) of this
18 section. An otherwise eligible employee who has received payment
19 for a qualified education loan expense made under any other
20 provision except this subsection shall be precluded from receiving
21 payment under this subsection.

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
24 February 12, 2014 - DO PASS AS AMENDED