

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2014

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1664

By: David of the Senate

and

Cox of the House

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9 [State Department of Health - Dental Loan Repayment
10 Program - Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas -
amount of awards - effective date]

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2712, as
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 182, O.S.L. 2012 (63 O.S. Supp. 2013,
16 Section 1-2712), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

23 3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
24 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the

1 participant and the appropriate loan agency in equal monthly
2 disbursements, not to exceed ~~Twenty-five Thousand Dollars~~
3 ~~(\$25,000.00)~~ Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per year for a
4 maximum five-year period. Prior to any disbursement, the Department
5 shall certify and properly review monthly reports submitted by the
6 participating dentist detailing performance of activities in
7 accordance with the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Act.

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

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

22 1. Any general practice dentist entering the Program each year
23 as a nonfaculty participant shall agree to provide dental care and
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1 services in a designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Area
2 (DHPSA) of this state.

3 2. Any dentist licensed to practice as a Pediatric Dentistry
4 Specialist as defined by the State Dental Act or any dentist
5 practicing in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), FQHC look-
6 alike, county health department, or city-county health department
7 may be exempt from the requirement to practice in a Dental Health
8 Professional Shortage Area (DHPSA).

9 C. A dentist entering the Program as a faculty participant
10 shall agree to teach at the University of Oklahoma College of
11 Dentistry. In the event there are no appropriate faculty
12 applicants, the Program may award additional nonfaculty dentists.

13 D. A dentist shall be eligible to participate in the Program if
14 the dentist:

15 1. Is a new dental school graduate. Preference will be given
16 to graduates of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry;

17 2. Is licensed to practice dentistry in Oklahoma; and

18 3. Has demonstrated financial need.

19 E. The dentist shall execute a contract with the Department to
20 provide dental services pursuant to the terms of the contract and in
21 accordance with rules promulgated by the Department.

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

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

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2713, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1-2713. The amount of the award of educational loan
10 repayment assistance shall ~~not exceed any maximum or minimum amount~~
11 ~~as promulgated by rules of the State Board of Health pursuant to the~~
12 ~~Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Act. The actual amount of the award~~
13 ~~shall~~ be established at the discretion of the Department and based
14 upon a determination of:

15 1. Actual funds available to the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment
16 Program for expenditure; and

17 2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating
18 dentist.

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

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
21 February 19, 2014 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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