

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1664

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the State Department of Health;
8 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2712, as amended by
9 Section 1, Chapter 182, O.S.L. 2012 (63 O.S. Supp.
10 2013, Section 1-2712), which relates to the Oklahoma
11 Dental Loan Repayment Program; increasing maximum
12 limit for certain awards; and providing an effective
13 date.

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

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

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

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

24 3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
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 C. A dentist entering the Program as a faculty participant
23 shall agree to teach at the University of Oklahoma College of
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1 Dentistry. In the event there are no appropriate faculty
2 applicants, the Program may award additional nonfaculty dentists.

3 D. A dentist shall be eligible to participate in the Program if
4 the dentist:

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

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

8 3. Has demonstrated financial need.

9 E. The dentist shall execute a contract with the Department to
10 provide dental services pursuant to the terms of the contract and in
11 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, 2014.

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