

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1349

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
8 the Oklahoma Medical Resident Loan Repayment Program;
9 defining terms; stating purpose of program; providing
10 condition for loan repayment; providing for
11 disbursement of awards; requiring certain review;
12 providing for renewal of awards; requiring certain
13 agreement; authorizing acceptance of donations and
14 contracts with certain entities; requiring certain
15 report; directing promulgation of rules; providing
16 termination date of program; creating a revolving
17 fund; providing for codification; providing an
18 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2724 of Title 63, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
24 Medical Resident Loan Repayment Program".

A. 1. The Physician Manpower Training Commission shall
administer the Oklahoma Medical Resident Loan Repayment Program.

2. For purposes of this section, "resident" shall mean a
physician who holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine and who is

1 practicing in family medicine, geriatrics, general internal
2 medicine, general pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology or emergency
3 medicine.

4 3. For the purpose of this section, "health center" shall mean
5 a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 USC, Section
6 1905(1)(2)(B).

7 4. For the purposes of this section, "teaching health center"
8 shall mean a health center that supports the residencies of primary
9 care physicians within the operations of the health center.

10 5. The program, depending upon and subject to available
11 funding, shall provide educational loan repayment assistance to
12 medical residents who agree to practice medicine in a community
13 located in Oklahoma approved by the Commission.

14 6. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
15 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
16 participant at the end of each contract year with disbursements not
17 to exceed an amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per
18 resident per year. In no event shall the amount of the award exceed
19 the existing student loan indebtedness of the participant. Prior to
20 any disbursement, the Commission shall certify and properly review
21 reports submitted by the participating physician detailing
22 performance of activities in accordance with the program.

23 7. The Commission shall review the performance in the program
24 of the participating physician and determine whether an award may be

1 granted for additional years, up to a maximum of three (3) years
2 total, pursuant to rules promulgated by the Commission.

3 B. The residents entering the program each year shall agree to
4 provide medical care and services in areas designated by the
5 Commission to provide medical care and services to Medicaid
6 recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

7 C. In addition to appropriations, the Commission may accept
8 donations of private funds to assist in funding the Oklahoma Medical
9 Resident Loan Repayment Program. The Commission may, at its
10 discretion, contract with other public entities and non-profit
11 corporations for the endowment, management and administration of
12 such funds.

13 D. The Commission shall present a report on the operation of
14 the program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within
16 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the
17 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in
18 accomplishing the goal of the program.

19 E. The Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out
20 the purposes of this act.

21 F. This program shall terminate June 30, 2021.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2725 of Title 63, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
2 for the Physician Manpower Training Commission to be designated the
3 "Oklahoma Medical Resident Loan Repayment Program Revolving Fund".
4 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
5 limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit
6 of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund
7 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
8 Physician Manpower Training Commission for the purpose of repaying
9 medical student loans. Expenditures from the fund shall be made
10 upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
11 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
12 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

14 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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