

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3392

By: McEntire and Hasenbeck of
the House

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4 McCortney of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S.
8 2011, Section 1-2721, as last amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2018 (63 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section
10 1-2721), which relates to the Oklahoma Medical Loan
11 Repayment Program; providing for inclusion of general
12 surgery; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2721, as
15 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2018 (63 O.S. Supp.
16 2019, Section 1-2721), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1-2721. A. 1. The Physician Manpower Training
18 Commission shall administer the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment
19 Program.

20 2. For the purposes of this section, "primary care physicians"
21 shall mean physicians practicing in family medicine, geriatrics,
22 general internal medicine, general pediatrics,
23 obstetrics/gynecology, ~~or~~ emergency medicine or general surgery.
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1 3. For the purposes of this section, "health center" shall mean
2 a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C., Section
3 1905(1) (2) (B) .

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

7 5. The Program, depending upon and limited to available
8 funding, shall provide educational loan repayment assistance to
9 Oklahoma licensed primary care physicians and physician assistants
10 who agree to establish a practice in a community located in Oklahoma
11 approved by the Commission.

12 6. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
13 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
14 participant at the end of each contract year with disbursements not
15 to exceed an amount to be established annually by the Commission.
16 Prior to any disbursement, the Commission shall certify and properly
17 review reports submitted by the participating physician or physician
18 assistant detailing performance of activities in accordance with the
19 Program.

20 7. The Commission shall review the performance in the Program
21 of the participating physician or physician assistant and determine
22 whether an award may be granted for additional years pursuant to
23 rules promulgated by the Commission.

1 B. The physicians and physician assistants entering the Program
2 each year shall agree to provide medical care and services in areas
3 designated by the Commission to provide medical care and services to
4 Medicaid recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care
5 Authority.

6 C. A physician or physician assistant shall be eligible to
7 participate in the ~~loan repayment program~~ Oklahoma Medical Loan
8 Repayment Program if the individual:

9 1. Is a physician that holds a current Oklahoma medical
10 license;

11 2. Is a new primary care graduate physician or physician
12 assistant. Preference will be given to graduates of the primary
13 care residency programs affiliated with the Oklahoma State
14 University College of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of
15 Oklahoma College of Medicine and the teaching hospitals affiliated
16 with both schools of medicine and teaching health centers located in
17 this state; or

18 3. Is a current practicing physician or physician assistant and
19 has met criteria established by the Commission.

20 D. The Commission may accept donations of public or private
21 funds to assist in funding the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment
22 Program. The Commission may, at its discretion, contract with other
23 public entities and ~~non-profit~~ nonprofit corporations for the
24 endowment, management and administration of such funds.

1 E. The Commission 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

8 Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2020.

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11 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

12 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2020.

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