

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE BILL 3392

By: McEntire and **Hasenbeck** of
the House

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6 and

7 **McCortney** of the Senate

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10 AS INTRODUCED

11 An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S.
12 2011, Section 1-2721, as last amended by Section 1,
13 Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2018 (63 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section
14 1-2721), which relates to the Oklahoma Medical Loan
15 Repayment Program; providing for inclusion of general
16 surgery; and providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2721, as
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2018 (63 O.S. Supp.
20 2019, Section 1-2721), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1-2721. A. 1. The Physician Manpower Training
22 Commission shall administer the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment
23 Program.

1 2. For the purposes of this section, "primary care physicians"
2 shall mean physicians practicing in family medicine, geriatrics,
3 general internal medicine, general pediatrics,
4 obstetrics/gynecology, ~~or~~ emergency medicine or general surgery.

5 3. For the purposes of this section, "health center" shall mean
6 a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C., Section
7 1905(1)(2)(B).

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

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

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

1 7. The Commission shall review the performance in the Program
2 of the participating physician or physician assistant and determine
3 whether an award may be granted for additional years pursuant to
4 rules promulgated by the Commission.

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

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

13 1. Is a physician that holds a current Oklahoma medical
14 license;

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

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

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

6 E. The Commission shall present a report on the operation of
7 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within
9 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the
10 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in
11 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
15 02/26/2020 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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