

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2019

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 773

By: Stanley of the Senate

and

Wright of the House

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8 **[mental health and substance abuse services -**
9 **Oklahoma Mental Health Loan Repayment Act -**
10 **codification - effective date]**

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2730 of Title 63, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Mental
17 Health Loan Repayment Act."

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2731 of Title 63, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. 1. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
22 Services shall administer the Oklahoma Mental Health Loan Repayment
23 Program.
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1 2. The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide
2 educational loan repayment assistance for mental health or substance
3 abuse treatment providers who provide services in Health
4 Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) for mental health.

5 3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
6 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
7 participant and the appropriate loan agency following a completed
8 year of service. Prior to any disbursement, the Department shall
9 certify and properly review reports submitted by the participating
10 provider detailing performance of activities in accordance with this
11 act.

12 4. At the conclusion of the minimum service obligation, the
13 Department shall review the performance in the Program of the
14 participating mental health or substance abuse provider and
15 determine whether an award may be granted for an additional period
16 not to exceed a total participation in the Program of five (5) years
17 pursuant to rules promulgated by the Board of Mental Health and
18 Substance Abuse Services.

19 B. Any participating mental health or substance abuse treatment
20 provider shall agree to provide mental health or substance abuse
21 treatment services to Medicaid recipients as authorized by the
22 Oklahoma Health Care Authority and individuals lacking health
23 insurance coverage. The Department of Mental Health and Substance
24 Abuse Services shall be responsible for ensuring that at least

1 twenty-five percent (25%) of the patients treated by the provider
2 are Medicaid beneficiaries, uninsured, or a combination of Medicaid
3 and uninsured recipients.

4 C. The mental health or substance abuse treatment provider
5 shall execute a contract with the Department to provide mental
6 health or substance abuse treatment services pursuant to the terms
7 of the contract and in accordance with rules promulgated by the
8 Board.

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

15 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2732 of Title 63, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The amount of the award of educational loan repayment assistance
19 shall be established at the discretion of the Department of Mental
20 Health and Substance Abuse Services and based upon a determination
21 of:

22 1. Actual funds available to the Oklahoma Mental Health Loan
23 Repayment Program for expenditure; and
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1 2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating
2 mental health or substance abuse treatment provider.

3 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2733 of Title 63, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
7 for the State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to be
8 designated the "Mental Health Loan Repayment Revolving Fund". The
9 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
10 limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit
11 of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund
12 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
13 State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for
14 the purpose of repaying mental health and substance treatment
15 provider student loans. Expenditures from the fund shall be made
16 upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
17 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
18 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

19 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
21 February 20, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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