

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 773
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
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Impact:	Subject to the availability of funds

Research Analysis

SB 773 creates the Oklahoma Mental Health Loan Repayment Act. The program, administered by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) based on available funding, shall provide educational loan repayment assistance for mental health or substance abuse treatment providers who provide treatment in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) for mental health. The award shall be available after one year of service and after review of provider's activities by ODMHSAS. Awards may not exceed a total of five years. Providers participating in the program must ensure that at least 25% of their patients are Medicaid recipients and/or uninsured patients.

The measure directs ODMHSAS to present a report on the program to the Governor and Legislature one month prior to legislative session. The measure also creates the Mental Health Loan Repayment Revolving Fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

Subject to the availability of funds, SB 773 creates the Oklahoma Mental Health Loan Repayment Program and the "Mental Health Loan Repayment Revolving Fund" to be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The program will provide educational loan repayment assistance for mental health or substance abuse treatment providers who provide services in Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSAs) for one year. At the conclusion of the minimum service obligation, ODMHSAS shall evaluate the provider's performance and may extend the agreement for up to five years.

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Other Considerations

None.