

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3392

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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.  
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