

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB4450 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by  
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Kevin Wallace

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

PROPOSED  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4450

By: Wallace and Martinez of the  
House

and

Thompson and Hall of the  
Senate

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to health care workforce development; creating the Health Care Workforce Development and Finance Act of 2022; creating the Health Care Workforce Development Revolving Fund; establishing nature of fund; establishing funding sources; authorizing fund utilization for certain purposes; declaring funds appropriated; limiting budgeting and expenditure authority; requiring certain budgeting and expenditure procedures; requiring budgeting and expenditure of funds by certain dates; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Sections 1-2721, 1-2722, and 1-2723, which relate to the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program; renaming certain agency of the state; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Sections 625.1, 625.2, 625.3, 625.4, 625.4a, 625.9, 625.10a, 625.11, 625.13, and 625.14, which relate to the Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Loan and Scholarship Fund; renaming certain agency of the state; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Sections 697.1, 697.2, 697.3, 697.5, 697.6, 697.7, 697.8, 697.9, 697.10, 697.11, 697.12, 697.15, 697.16, 697.17, 697.18, 697.19, 697.20, 697.21, and 697.21a, which relate to the Physician Manpower Training Commission; renaming certain agency of the state; expanding board membership; establishing eligibility requirements for certain appointments; placing certain positions in the unclassified service after certain date under certain condition; providing for

1 noncodification; providing for codification; and  
2 declaring an emergency.

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

5 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
6 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Health Care  
8 Workforce Development and Finance Act of 2022".

9 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 697.21b of Title 70, unless  
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury until July 1,  
13 2027, a revolving fund for the Health Care Workforce Training  
14 Commission to be designated the "Health Care Workforce Development  
15 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject  
16 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all available  
17 monies:

18 1. Received by the state as Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal  
19 Recovery Funds pursuant to Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan  
20 Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2;

21 2. Directed to the state by the federal government for the  
22 purpose of recruiting, educating, and stabilizing Oklahoma's health  
23 care workforce;

1        3. Derived as interest and income from deposits and investments  
2 of fund assets; and

3        4. Designated for deposit by law.

4        B. 1. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are  
5 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Health  
6 Care Workforce Training Commission for authorized purposes as  
7 provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection. Expenditures from said  
8 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
9 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
10 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
11 payment.

12        2. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund shall be  
13 utilized for the purpose of recruiting, educating, and stabilizing  
14 Oklahoma's health care workforce, including the costs and expenses  
15 of operating such programs.

16        3. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund shall be  
17 budgeted or encumbered no later than December 31, 2024, and shall be  
18 expended no later than December 31, 2026.

19        4. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund shall be  
20 budgeted, expended, and transferred in strict accordance with  
21 applicable state and federal law and guidance providing for and  
22 limiting the utilization of such funds.

23        SECTION 3.        AMENDATORY        63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2721, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 1-2721. A. 1. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care  
2 Workforce Training Commission shall administer the Oklahoma Medical  
3 Loan Repayment Program.

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

8       3. For the purposes of this section, "health center" shall mean  
9 a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C., Section  
10 1905(1)(2)(B).

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

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

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

1 assistant detailing performance of activities in accordance with the  
2 Program.

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

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

12 C. A physician or physician assistant shall be eligible to  
13 participate in the loan repayment program if the individual:

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

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

23 3. Is a current practicing physician or physician assistant and  
24 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 Medical Loan Repayment Program. The  
3 Commission may, at its discretion, contract with other public  
4 entities and nonprofit corporations for the endowment, management  
5 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 4. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2722, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1-2722. The amount of the award of educational loan  
15 repayment assistance shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount  
16 as promulgated by rules of the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care  
17 Workforce Training Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical Loan  
18 Repayment Program. The actual amount of the award shall be based  
19 upon a determination of:

- 20 1. Actual funds available to the Program for expenditure; and
- 21 2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating  
22 physician.

23 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2723, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 1-2723. A. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care  
2 Workforce Training Commission shall have the option of utilizing  
3 available funding in excess of the amount necessary to fund the  
4 Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program described in Section 1-2721  
5 of this title to fund new or expanded primary care residency  
6 programs in rural and underserved areas of the state. Such new or  
7 expanded primary care residency program funding shall include but  
8 not be limited to:

9       1. Payments to hospitals or teaching health centers desiring to  
10 establish new primary care residency programs. Such payments shall  
11 be made to cover the costs of salaries, benefits and educational  
12 costs of residents in training at the facility; or

13       2. Payments to hospitals or teaching health centers with  
14 existing primary residency programs desiring to expand the number of  
15 residents participating in those programs. Such payments shall be  
16 made to cover the costs of salaries, benefits and educational costs  
17 of residents in training at the facility.

18       B. Provisions of this section shall be subject to the  
19 promulgated rules of the Commission.

20       SECTION 6.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.1, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22       Section 625.1 There is hereby established the Oklahoma Rural  
23 Medical Education Loan and Scholarship Fund. The fund shall be  
24 administered by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce



1 Training Commission under the provisions of Section 625.9 of this  
2 title.

3 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.2, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 625.2 ~~The Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
6 Training Commission shall be authorized and empowered to grant  
7 scholarships to qualified students who are bona fide residents of  
8 the State of Oklahoma and who would not otherwise have funds  
9 necessary to finance the cost of a program of study leading to the  
10 Degree of Doctor of Medicine, or to the Degree of Doctor of  
11 Osteopathic Medicine, to be granted by an accredited and recognized  
12 college of medicine or college of osteopathic medicine.

13 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.3, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 625.3 A. The terms and conditions governing the  
16 scholarships shall be as prescribed and formulated by the ~~Physician~~  
17 ~~Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission, but shall  
18 include the condition that each recipient, upon completion of ~~his~~  
19 the recipient's course of study, shall repay ~~his~~ such scholarship by  
20 practicing ~~his~~ the recipient's profession in a rural community in  
21 Oklahoma having a population of seven thousand five hundred (7,500)  
22 persons or less according to the last preceding United States  
23 Decennial Census and having a need therefor, as determined by the  
24 Commission, for one (1) year for each one (1) year the scholarship

1 is financed; provided, however, that the recipient will be given no  
2 credit for payment and reduction of the obligation by serving in the  
3 defined rural communities for a period less than two (2) years.

4 B. The maximum rural population criteria specified in  
5 subsection A of this section may be waived by the Commission.

6 C. The terms of this subsection shall apply to recipients who  
7 accept assistance on or after July 1, 1993. The contract shall  
8 provide that in the event the recipient breaches the terms of the  
9 contract by not serving the designated community for the specified  
10 period of time, the Commission shall be entitled to recover an  
11 amount equal to three times the principal disbursed, pursuant to the  
12 contract, plus interest. Interest on all amounts paid to or on  
13 behalf of the participant shall be computed at the current prime  
14 rate plus one percent (1%) with the interest to accrue from the date  
15 each payment is made, pursuant to the contract. The amount the  
16 Commission is entitled to recover shall be paid within ninety (90)  
17 days of the date the recipient becomes liable as determined by the  
18 Commission.

19 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.4, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 625.4 The Commission shall promulgate and adopt such  
22 rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the  
23 provisions of this act. The Commission shall prescribe the form and  
24 regulate the submission of applications for scholarship; conduct

1 conferences and interviews with applicants; determine the  
2 eligibility of applicants; allow or disallow all applications for  
3 scholarships or renewal of scholarships; contract, increase,  
4 decrease, terminate and otherwise regulate all grants for  
5 scholarships and their repayment in cash or services; and manage,  
6 operate and control all funds and property appropriated or otherwise  
7 contributed for this purpose. The Commission may acquire property  
8 or money by the acceptance of gifts, grants, bequests or devise, and  
9 may contract with the federal government in order to secure the  
10 benefit of any federal program consistent with the provisions of  
11 this act. Monies received by the Commission in repayment of  
12 scholarships granted from appropriated funds shall be deposited with  
13 the State Treasurer who shall place the same to the credit of the  
14 Commission in depository funds to be known as the "Rural Medical  
15 Education Scholarship Fund" and the "Community Physician Education  
16 Scholarship Fund" depending on the program in which the recipient  
17 participated, under and subject exclusively to the control of the  
18 Commission for the purpose of fulfilling and accomplishing the  
19 conditions and purposes of the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care  
20 Workforce Training Commission. All monies so collected and  
21 deposited in the State Treasury as aforesaid shall constitute a  
22 continuing fund, shall not be subject to fiscal limitations, and the  
23 unexpended balance shall at all times be available for expenditures  
24 for the purposes and in the manner and form provided by this act.

1 All funds and property, and income therefrom, received by the  
2 Commission through the acceptance of gifts, grants, bequests or  
3 devise shall be held by the Commission in trust, and may be sold,  
4 transferred, invested and reinvested by the Commission in accordance  
5 with the provisions of the Oklahoma Trust Act, and all such funds  
6 and property, and income therefrom, shall be used by the Commission  
7 in fulfilling and accomplishing the conditions and purposes of the  
8 ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission.

9 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.4a, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 625.4a There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
12 revolving fund for the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
13 Training Commission to be designated the "~~Physician Manpower~~ Health  
14 Care Workforce Training Commission Revolving Fund". The fund shall  
15 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and  
16 shall consist of all payments received by the Commission pursuant to  
17 Sections 625.3 and 625.10a of this title. All monies accruing to  
18 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted  
19 and expended by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
20 Training Commission for any expenses incurred in the implementation  
21 of its duties. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
22 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
23 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
24 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

1       SECTION 11.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.9, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 625.9 The administration of the Oklahoma Rural Medical  
4 Education Loan and Scholarship Fund is hereby transferred to the  
5 ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission as  
6 established by law. All the powers, duties, responsibilities, rules  
7 and regulations and functions of the Board of Trustees of the  
8 Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Scholarship Fund are hereby  
9 transferred to the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
10 Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Rural Medical  
11 Education Scholarship Fund is hereby abolished and terminated.

12       SECTION 12.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.10a, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14       Section 625.10a The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
15 Training Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to establish  
16 and administer cost-sharing scholarships and loan fund programs  
17 which shall provide for state assistance to and participation with  
18 community physician education and scholarship trust funds which are  
19 selected and approved by the Commission. Said state assistance and  
20 participation shall be on a state and community matching formula  
21 basis for the funding of the educational costs, fees and charges of  
22 a selected and qualified student in good standing and who is duly  
23 enrolled in an accredited college of medicine or college of  
24 osteopathic medicine and pursuing a course of study leading to the

1 degree of Doctor of Medicine or to the degree of Doctor of  
2 Osteopathic Medicine. Said student shall be a bona fide resident of  
3 the State of Oklahoma who desires and agrees to practice his  
4 profession on completion of the course of study and training  
5 required for licensure and certification in the community providing  
6 the initial funds to be matched by the state funds. Communities  
7 shall deposit the initial trust funds with the ~~Physician Manpower~~  
8 Health Care Workforce Training Commission to be administered and  
9 matched by the Commission for the education of selected and  
10 qualified students to serve and to practice in the communities with  
11 trust funds so established for that purpose with the Commission.  
12 The Commission shall aid and advise communities in the selection of  
13 qualified students to participate in a given community scholarship  
14 program and the Commission shall approve the selection of a given  
15 student for a particular community physician education scholarship  
16 trust fund matching program. The Commission shall determine the  
17 percentage share for the state in the scholarship matching program  
18 with a given community to educate a given and duly selected student  
19 on the basis of the extent of need of the community and its  
20 surrounding area for the services of a practicing physician, the  
21 amount of the initial trust funds the community has raised and  
22 deposited in the physician education scholarship trust fund that is  
23 duly established and the matching funds schedule developed by the  
24 Commission and based upon both the population of the community

determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census and the estimated median family annual income level as determined on the basis of the estimates of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The state matching assistance and participation in a given scholarship trust fund program shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount calculated to be necessary to fund the costs of a course of study for the degree of Doctor of Medicine or the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine as determined annually by the Commission. Repayment of the total amount of the scholarship by the student on completion of ~~his~~ the student's course of study and on the establishment of ~~his~~ the student's practice in the community shall be made to the state fund and to the community trust fund in accordance with the percentage and total amounts contributed by the state and by the community to the matching scholarship trust fund program and in accordance with the provisions of Section 625.5 of this title and contract requirements of Section 625.6 of this title which shall apply in all cases to students participating in said community physician education scholarship trust fund programs administered by the Commission with the exception of the maximum amount allowable in payment to the student which shall be based on an annual review of the costs, fees and charges of the school of medicine or school of osteopathic medicine in which the student is enrolled and participating which shall be made by the Commission.

1 The procedures, terms and conditions governing the scholarships  
2 and how they are administered shall be as prescribed and formulated  
3 by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission  
4 but shall include the following:

5 1. Communities desiring to participate in a loan and  
6 scholarship program shall select a student who meets the  
7 requirements for participation and give notice to the Commission.

8 2. The Commission shall aid and advise communities in the  
9 selection of qualified students to participate in a given community  
10 loan and scholarship program.

11 3. The communities shall deposit with the Commission the  
12 initial year scholarship funds provided by the community which funds  
13 shall be a percentage of the total educational and associated costs  
14 of the student in the course of study in an accredited college of  
15 medicine or college of osteopathic medicine and which funds are to  
16 be used in the education of the selected student.

17 4. The Commission shall review and approve the selection of a  
18 given student and shall then match the initial community funds with  
19 state funds from the Oklahoma Community Physician Education Loan and  
20 Scholarship Program Fund in the amount needed to meet the total cost  
21 for educating the student for one (1) year as agreed by the  
22 Commission and the community in each particular case.



1        5. The Commission shall determine the percentage share for the  
2 state in the loan and scholarship program with a given community to  
3 educate a selected student on the basis of:

4            a. the extent of need of the community and its  
5 surrounding area for the services of a practicing  
6 physician~~+~~,  

7            b. the amount of the initial trust funds the community  
8 has raised and deposited with the Commission for the  
9 education of a selected student~~+~~, and

10           c. the population of the community which shall be  
11 determined on the basis of the current estimates made  
12 by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

13        6. The state matching assistance and participation by the  
14 Commission in a given loan and scholarship program for a particular  
15 student shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total  
16 amount calculated to be necessary to fund one (1) year of study for  
17 the degree of Doctor of Medicine or the degree of Doctor of  
18 Osteopathic Medicine as determined annually by the Commission at the  
19 school of medicine or osteopathic medicine in which the selected  
20 student is enrolled.

21        7. Each scholarship recipient, upon completion of ~~his~~ the  
22 recipient's course of study, shall repay ~~his~~ the recipient's loan  
23 and scholarship to the state and to the community and receive  
24 forgiveness on repayment of the funds from the state and from the

1 community by practicing his profession in the community in Oklahoma  
2 providing the initial funds at a minimum for one (1) year for each  
3 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) the community and the state  
4 financed the scholarship program for the student; provided, however,  
5 that the recipient will be given no credit for payment, repayment  
6 and reduction of said obligation to the community and the state by  
7 serving the given community for a period less than two (2) years or,  
8 when approved by the Commission in agreement with the community and  
9 terms of the contracts involved, repayment may be made in cash with  
10 interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, said  
11 interest to accrue from the date each payment of funds pursuant to  
12 the loan and scholarship program is made. In addition, should a  
13 recipient who accepts financial assistance after July 1, 1977, elect  
14 not to perform his obligated service in the sponsoring community,  
15 the agreed upon sum denoted as liquidated damages in the contract  
16 shall be assessed the recipient. No interest shall accrue on the  
17 principal during any one period of time that the recipient thereof  
18 is required to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, or  
19 during his internship or residency, if in a primary care area and  
20 the required service, internship or residency does not exceed four  
21 (4) years. Provided that no interest shall accrue for six (6)  
22 months following each of the above exceptions.

23 Each student who applies to participate in a community and  
24 state matching loan and scholarship program shall enter into a

1 contract administered by the Commission on behalf of the state and a  
2 given community which has provided the initial scholarship funds to  
3 educate a selected student. The contract shall be between the State  
4 of Oklahoma and the selected student by which contract the student  
5 agrees to return to the community which provided the initial loan  
6 and scholarship funds and to practice his profession, on completion  
7 of the course of study and training required for licensure and  
8 certification, for the number of years for which the student  
9 received assistance from the community and the state and in  
10 accordance with the conditions specified in the contract agreed to  
11 by the student and the given community which selected the student.  
12 Any repayment of the total amount of the scholarship or any portion  
13 thereof as provided in this act and in the contract between the  
14 state and the student shall be made to the state deposited into the  
15 Community Matching Loan and Scholarship Repayment Revolving Fund  
16 hereby created in the State Treasury. The community portion of any  
17 repayment monies deposited in said fund shall be withdrawn from the  
18 revolving fund and returned to the community on request or, if the  
19 community so chooses, said repayment monies shall be held available  
20 in said fund for reallocation by the community and the state to the  
21 Community Physician Education Loan and Scholarship Program Fund to  
22 educate another student selected by the community and approved by  
23 the Commission. The form of the contracts shall be prepared and  
24 approved by the Attorney General. The Commission is hereby vested

1 with full and complete authority and power to sue in its own name  
2 any applicant for any balance due the Commission for repayment of  
3 the scholarship on any contract or for failure by the applicant to  
4 fulfill the terms of his contract in any way. Said contracts shall  
5 be signed by the ~~Chairman~~ Chair of the Commission and by the student  
6 for and by a representative of the community which selected the  
7 student. The Commission shall have authority to cancel the contract  
8 it makes between the Commission and any recipient of a scholarship  
9 upon cause deemed sufficient by the Commission.

10 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.11, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 625.11 There is hereby created and established the  
13 Oklahoma Community Physician Education Scholarship Program Fund  
14 which fund shall be administered by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health  
15 Care Workforce Training Commission for the purposes of providing the  
16 state matching funds assistance for scholarship programs with given  
17 communities. The Commission shall be empowered to contract for  
18 services with any state agencies, institutions or any public or  
19 private corporation involved in and conducting programs in ~~physician~~  
20 ~~manpower~~ health care workforce placement in order that the  
21 Commission may perform its functions in an efficient and timely  
22 fashion.

23 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.13, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 625.13 A. There is hereby created the "Community Match  
2 Rural Scholarship Incentive Program" which shall be conducted and  
3 administered by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
4 Training Commission. The purpose of this program is to provide for  
5 the fair and necessary distribution of funds allocated to it by the  
6 Legislature to provide monies to the following programs under the  
7 ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission:

- 8       1. The Community Matching Intern/Resident Program;
- 9       2. The Oklahoma Rural Medical Education Loan Scholarship  
10 Program;
- 11       3. The Family/General Practice Resident Rural Scholarship Loan  
12 Program, created pursuant to this section; and
- 13       4. The Family/General Practice Residency Grant Program, created  
14 pursuant to this section.

15       The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission  
16 is hereby authorized to distribute such monies to the funds  
17 specified in Sections 625.1, 625.4a and 697.18 of this title  
18 necessary to fund the programs specified in this section.

19       B. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
20 Commission shall establish and administer a Family/General Practice  
21 Resident Rural Scholarship Loan Program for the purpose of assisting  
22 Oklahoma's rural communities by providing financial assistance  
23 through a scholarship loan forgiveness program to residents enrolled  
24 in an accredited Family Practice or General Practice residency

1 program. The Commission shall establish the eligibility standards,  
2 the amount of the loan not to exceed One Thousand Dollars  
3 (\$1,000.00) per month, the service obligation of the recipient of  
4 the loan, and any penalties related to the breach of the service  
5 contract or failure to repay such loan plus interest and penalty.

6 C. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
7 Commission shall establish and administer a Family/General Practice  
8 Residency Grant Program for the purpose of assisting Oklahoma's  
9 rural communities by providing financial assistance through a grant  
10 program to residents enrolled in an accredited Family Practice or  
11 General Practice residency program. The Commission shall establish  
12 the eligibility standards, the amount of the grant not to exceed  
13 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year, up to three (3) years,  
14 the program obligations of the recipient of the grant, and any  
15 penalties related to the breach of the grant obligations or failure  
16 to repay the grant plus interest.

17 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 625.14, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 625.14 The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
20 Training Commission shall establish and administer cost-sharing  
21 programs for internship and residency physician training. The  
22 Commission shall provide for state assistance by sharing the cost on  
23 a percentage basis, as may be prescribed by law or as determined by  
24 the Commission, of the salary, fringe benefits, training and program

1 administration of the interns and residents as may be arranged by  
2 contract for reimbursement with an accredited and approved hospital  
3 and accredited clinical programs throughout the state in cooperation  
4 with the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and the  
5 University of Oklahoma College of Medicine at Tulsa. Such physician  
6 training institutions in the state shall serve as the administrative  
7 agent for internship and residency programs which are located in  
8 hospitals and clinical training programs throughout the state. Such  
9 programs are affiliated with the institutions and are approved for  
10 funding by the Commission. The Commission shall conduct the  
11 planning, coordination and selection of the training programs to  
12 assure the effective and efficient operation of these programs. Not  
13 less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the subsidy for these  
14 programs shall be used in the training of primary health care and  
15 family practice physicians for the rural and medically underserved  
16 areas of the state. Provided that such subsidy may be used for the  
17 primary purpose of increasing the total number of residencies funded  
18 by this state, wherever located within the state, during that period  
19 in which residency programs are being established in rural areas;  
20 provided further, that as the residency programs are established and  
21 accredited in rural hospitals, residency positions in such programs  
22 shall be first provided for by the Commission. The Commission shall  
23 present a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within

one (1) month of the beginning of each regular legislative session on the operation of the programs including the progress made in accomplishing the goals of physician training as to type of specialties and ~~manpower~~ workforce placement of the kind necessary to provide adequate health care to the people throughout this state. The subsidy to the participating hospital, clinical situation or training institution per resident or intern shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount as may be prescribed by law or as determined by the Commission. The actual amount of subsidy for physician training program situations shall be based upon a determination by the Commission of:

1. The type of primary care residency and internship programs involved and being conducted;

2. The extent of reimbursement available through third-party payers and all other sources; and

3. The program and salary costs incurred in the given training situation.

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 697.1 The Legislature recognizes that there is a need to upgrade the availability of health care services for people of Oklahoma, and thus, there is a need to improve the balance of ~~physician manpower~~ health care workforce distribution in the state both by type of practice and by geographic location. Furthermore,



1 the Legislature recognizes the need to accommodate the increasing  
2 number of graduates from the medical and osteopathic colleges of  
3 Oklahoma by retaining their services as practicing physicians in the  
4 state and by attracting graduates from schools outside the state.  
5 Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to increase the  
6 number of internship and residency programs offered for the training  
7 of physicians throughout the state through the sharing by the state  
8 of the costs of such internships and residencies with hospitals and  
9 other clinical residency training establishments. These programs  
10 shall be designed primarily to emphasize the training of primary  
11 health care and family practice physicians and to develop ~~manpower~~  
12 workforce programs to service directly the rural and nonmetropolitan  
13 areas of the state.

14 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.2, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 697.2 The ~~Physician-Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
17 Training Commission is authorized to establish and administer cost-  
18 sharing programs for internship and residency physician training.  
19 The Commission shall provide for state assistance by sharing the  
20 cost on a percentage basis, as may be prescribed by law or as  
21 determined by the Commission, of the salary, fringe benefits,  
22 training and program administration of the interns and residents as  
23 may be arranged by contract for reimbursement with an accredited and  
24 approved hospital and accredited clinical programs throughout the

1 state in cooperation with the Oklahoma State University College of  
2 Osteopathic Medicine. Such physician training institutions in the  
3 state shall serve as the administrative agent for internship and  
4 residency programs which are located in hospitals and clinical  
5 training programs throughout the state. Such programs are  
6 affiliated with the institutions and approved for funding by the  
7 Commission. The Commission shall conduct the planning, coordination  
8 and selection of the training programs to assure the effective and  
9 efficient operation of these programs. Not less than seventy-five  
10 percent (75%) of the subsidy for these programs shall be used in the  
11 training of primary health care and family/general practice  
12 physicians for the rural and medically underserved areas of the  
13 state. Provided that such subsidy may be used for the primary  
14 purpose of increasing the total number of residencies funded by this  
15 state, wherever located within the state, during that period in  
16 which residency programs are being established in rural areas;  
17 provided further, that as the residency programs are established and  
18 accredited in rural hospitals, residency positions in such programs  
19 shall be first provided for by the Commission. The Commission shall  
20 present a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
21 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within  
22 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular legislative session  
23 on the operation of the programs including the progress made in  
24 accomplishing the goals of physician training as to type of

1 specialties and ~~manpower~~ workforce placement of the kind necessary  
2 to provide adequate health care to the people throughout this state.  
3 The subsidy to the participating hospital, clinical situation or  
4 training institution per resident or intern shall not exceed any  
5 maximum or minimum amount as may be prescribed by law or as  
6 determined by the Commission. The actual amount of subsidy for  
7 physician training program situations shall be based upon a  
8 determination by the Commission of:

9 1. The type of primary care residency and internship programs  
10 involved and being conducted;

11 2. The extent of reimbursement available through third-party  
12 payers and all other sources; and

13 3. The program and salary costs incurred in the given training  
14 situation.

15 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.3, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 697.3 The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
18 Training Commission shall be composed of ~~seven (7)~~ nine (9) members  
19 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.  
20 Upon the expiration of the term of one of the nonphysician members,  
21 three members shall be practicing allopathic physicians, three shall  
22 be practicing osteopathic physicians ~~and,~~ one shall ~~not be a~~  
23 ~~physician~~ be a practicing physician assistant, one shall be a  
24 practicing advanced practice registered nurse, and one shall be a

1 member of the general public. The membership shall be appointed  
2 from diverse geographic areas of the state. No board member serving  
3 on November 1, 2001, shall be removed from the board to satisfy the  
4 requirements of this section, but appointments to fill vacancies  
5 subsequent to November 1, 2001, shall be subject to the requirements  
6 of this section. ~~Three members~~ Members of the Commission shall be  
7 appointed for ~~one-year terms, two members shall be appointed for~~  
8 ~~three-year terms and two members shall be appointed for~~ five-year  
9 terms, and ~~at the expiration of the initial terms,~~ succeeding terms  
10 of office shall be five (5) years in duration. There shall be also  
11 twelve additional nonvoting ex officio members of the Commission who  
12 shall serve in an advisory capacity only and include the Dean of the  
13 University of Oklahoma College of Medicine or designee, the Dean of  
14 the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa or designee,  
15 the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine of the University of  
16 Oklahoma Health Sciences Center or designee, the Chair of the  
17 Department of Family Practice of the University of Oklahoma College  
18 of Medicine - Tulsa or designee, the Chair of the Department of  
19 General Practice of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and  
20 Surgery or designee, the President of the Oklahoma Academy of Family  
21 Physicians or designee, the President of the Oklahoma State Medical  
22 Association or designee, the President of the Oklahoma State  
23 Osteopathic Association or designee, the President of the Oklahoma  
24 Hospital Association or designee, the State Commissioner of Health

1 or designee, the Provost of the University of Oklahoma Health  
2 Sciences Center or designee, and the Dean of the Oklahoma College of  
3 Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery or designee. Members of the  
4 Commission shall serve without salary, but may be reimbursed for  
5 travel expenses in attending meetings and performing their duties  
6 pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et  
7 seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.5, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 697.5 The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
11 Training Commission, in order to perform its official function in  
12 establishing and administering physician training programs, shall  
13 have the following specific powers, duties and responsibilities:

14 1. To review all available data on ~~physician manpower~~ health  
15 care workforce in Oklahoma in order to determine the current and  
16 projected distribution of physicians by geographic location and by  
17 type of practice, and, to accomplish this review, the Commission  
18 shall obtain information from and work in conjunction with the State  
19 Department of Health and all other agencies which gather data and  
20 evaluate health ~~manpower~~ care workforce needs;

21 2. To review data and information on accredited physician  
22 internship and residency programs currently operated by Oklahoma  
23 hospitals and other approved clinical situations, in order to  
24 ascertain the number and distribution by physician specialty

1 training and by geographic location of available internship and  
2 residency positions and to evaluate the impact of internship and  
3 residency placement on the establishment of practices by physicians  
4 in that geographic area or similar areas within the state where  
5 their services are urgently needed;

6 3. To serve as an agent to advise hospitals, clinics, and  
7 communities on setting up and planning internship and residency  
8 programs which emphasize the provision of additional primary care  
9 physicians to service the rural areas of Oklahoma with primary care  
10 specialties to be defined to include training in the area of  
11 internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, emergency  
12 trauma, and family practice;

13 4. To provide general counsel and advice in the development,  
14 operation and evaluation of physician internship and residency  
15 programs throughout the State of Oklahoma in cooperation with the  
16 efforts of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the  
17 state's physician training institutions such as the Oklahoma  
18 University College of Medicine, Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses,  
19 and the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, and  
20 subject to accreditation by official and appropriate accrediting  
21 agencies;

22 5. To develop the criteria for determining the physician  
23 training cost component or associated clinical and hospital training  
24 costs which are or may be nonreimbursable by third party payers in

1 programs proposed by accredited hospitals, clinical situations, or  
2 hospital and clinical programs affiliated with and administered by  
3 the College of Medicine, College of Medicine - Tulsa or College of  
4 Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in order to determine the share for  
5 the state in supporting the salary, benefits, training and program  
6 administration costs incurred by hospitals in supporting of the  
7 interns and residents;

8       6. To develop the criteria and procedure by which state  
9 matching funds will be awarded to hospitals, accredited clinical  
10 situations, in cooperation with the University of Oklahoma College  
11 of Medicine, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa, and  
12 the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery which shall  
13 administer programs in hospital and clinical situations in the state  
14 to be used to underwrite the salaries, benefits and associated  
15 training and administration costs provided for the physician interns  
16 and residents during their period of training in such a way as to  
17 create an incentive for the development and establishment of  
18 residency and internship positions by hospitals, clinical  
19 establishments or by affiliation agreement with the University of  
20 Oklahoma College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma College of  
21 Medicine - Tulsa and the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine  
22 and Surgery by providing funds to cover and to supplement the  
23 nonreimbursable or additional costs incurred in hospitals for  
24 training activities or for delivery of service in outreach and

1 ambulatory clinical situations which are outside but associated with  
2 the hospitals and clinical establishments participating in the  
3 program;

4 7. To review and to approve for inclusion in the programs  
5 funded the applications for funds submitted by accredited hospitals  
6 and clinical situations participating in physician training programs  
7 in cooperation with the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine,  
8 University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa and the Oklahoma  
9 College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery for the costs of  
10 supplying residents and interns in programs which they administer by  
11 affiliation agreements with hospitals and clinical situations  
12 throughout the state in which the interns and residents are  
13 supervised and funded by the University of Oklahoma College of  
14 Medicine, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa and the  
15 Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and the  
16 hospitals and clinical establishments pay for the patient care  
17 services rendered in their institutions by these residents and  
18 interns during the period of training;

19 8. To determine the specific level of funding and the  
20 priorities used for granting state support to approved hospitals and  
21 clinical situations, in cooperation with the University of Oklahoma  
22 College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine -  
23 Tulsa and the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
24 for approved hospital physician training programs for interns and



1 residents and to recommend to the Governor and the Oklahoma  
2 Legislature the total funds needed to carry out the purpose of this  
3 program;

4 9. To employ a director and any staff personnel required to  
5 administer the funding of approved physician training programs and  
6 to contract with other state agencies and institutions to conduct  
7 and to perform specified services, functions and aspects in  
8 administering state funds on the specified cost-sharing basis  
9 determined by the Commission or for developing programs and  
10 community and institutional participation in these training  
11 programs;

12 10. To ensure that hospitals or clinical situations that can  
13 qualify in all sections of Oklahoma be utilized, and to take all  
14 steps necessary to assist such hospitals or clinics in obtaining  
15 necessary recognition or status, or in meeting standards for  
16 accreditation or affiliation so that they may participate in these  
17 physician training programs;

18 11. To ensure that in programs administered and operated by the  
19 University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma  
20 College of Medicine - Tulsa and the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic  
21 Medicine and Surgery in hospitals and clinical situations throughout  
22 the state that funds allocated to the colleges are paid by the  
23 hospitals and clinical situations in which the patient care services  
24 are rendered, the funds are expended for such purposes in funding

1 residents and interns in the physician training programs that the  
2 colleges have established with the approved hospitals and clinical  
3 situations which programs are designed to provide primary health  
4 care services to the rural and medically underserved parts of the  
5 state;

6 12. To conduct and to administer a program of physician and  
7 health ~~manpower~~ care workforce placement services throughout the  
8 State of Oklahoma. Placement services shall be made available to  
9 communities, hospitals, health care facilities, physician and health  
10 professional training institutions, health professional associations  
11 and organizations, individual physicians, health professionals,  
12 students in physician and health professional training institutions  
13 and schools, and other interested parties in such a way so as to  
14 further the purposes of improving the distribution of physicians and  
15 health professionals practicing or available for practice in the  
16 state and improving in the availability of health care services to  
17 the people of the state. Said placement service shall include but  
18 not be limited to assisting communities in matching with, contacting  
19 and recruiting physicians and health professionals to practice in  
20 communities in the state. The Commission shall develop criteria and  
21 procedures for the conduct and performance of placement services and  
22 employ any staff, contract for services with any private agency,  
23 nonprofit corporation or institution to facilitate the performance  
24 of placement services.

1       SECTION 20.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.6, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 697.6 Funds appropriated to carry out the provisions of  
4 this act shall be allocated so that no less than forty percent (40%)  
5 of all participating residents and interns in each school year must  
6 participate in a rural program outside the Oklahoma City and Tulsa  
7 metropolitan areas. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
8 Training Commission, in accordance with primary care specialty  
9 accreditation standards, shall promulgate and adopt rules  
10 designating the time allocation spent by the residents and interns  
11 participating in this program outside the Oklahoma City and Tulsa  
12 metropolitan areas.

13       SECTION 21.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.7, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15       Section 697.7 The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
16 Training Commission is hereby authorized to enter into contractual  
17 arrangements with residency training programs at the University of  
18 Oklahoma College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Medical  
19 College, or the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and  
20 Surgery, in order to enhance available funding for the training of  
21 primary care residents and to pay the cost of the salary stipend and  
22 expenses of the resident physician for the period of time spent in  
23 the residency programs. Monies received by the Commission from the  
24 participating residency training program under the provisions of

1 this section shall be deposited to, and disbursed from, the  
2 "Residency Revolving Fund" hereby created in the State Treasury.  
3 The fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to legislative  
4 appropriation or fiscal year limitations. Expenditures from the  
5 fund shall be made on warrants issued by the State Treasurer against  
6 claims filed by the Commission with the Director of the Office of  
7 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

8 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.8, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 697.8 A community may enter into a contract with a  
11 resident physician in training whereby the resident agrees to  
12 establish a practice in the community upon the completion of ~~his~~ the  
13 individual's residency. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care  
14 Workforce Training Commission shall have the authority to receive  
15 funds direct from that community for the purpose of paying the  
16 resident involved to the extent of the contractual arrangements.  
17 Monies received by the Commission under the provisions of this  
18 section shall be deposited to, and disbursed from, the "Community  
19 Residency Revolving Fund" hereby created in the State Treasury. The  
20 fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to legislative  
21 appropriation or fiscal year limitations. Expenditures from said  
22 fund shall be made on warrants issued by the State Treasurer against  
23 claims filed by the Commission with the Director of the Office of  
24 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

1       SECTION 23.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.9, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 697.9 There is hereby created and established the  
4 Community Preceptor Physician Training and Work Experience  
5 Scholarship Fund which fund shall be administered by the ~~Physician~~  
6 ~~Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission for the purpose  
7 of providing state matching funds assistance and encouraging the  
8 development of a program whereby the state in conjunction with given  
9 communities, hospitals or clinical training situations funds the  
10 stipends and living expenses for medical students who agree to work  
11 in these given communities during the vacation times during the  
12 course of their education in the University of Oklahoma College of  
13 Medicine or the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and  
14 Surgery. The Commission shall develop procedures for determining  
15 the matching funds participation of communities and of the state for  
16 a given student and coordinate with the physician training  
17 institutions in the state for the selection of students to  
18 participate in the program and the selection of physicians who will  
19 supervise students and hospitals and clinical situations in which  
20 the training and experience occurs in the delivery of primary health  
21 care to rural and medically underserved areas with the purpose of  
22 providing medical and osteopathic students an opportunity to develop  
23 relationships with communities and encourage them to locate their  
24 practices in areas of medical need.

1       SECTION 24.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.10, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 697.10 A. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
4 Training Commission is authorized to enter into contractual  
5 arrangements with individual hospitals and clinical programs for the  
6 reimbursement of intern or resident salary cost not to exceed the  
7 limits established by Section 697.2 of this title. Provided, that  
8 residency and internship positions created prior to the spring  
9 semester 1975 shall be eligible for participation in the cost-  
10 sharing program for internship and residency training as established  
11 by Sections 697.1 through 697.8 of this title, only if partial  
12 funding of said positions will allow the creation of additional  
13 positions in whole or in part at the participating hospital or  
14 clinical situation. The participating hospital or clinical  
15 situation shall document in a manner specified by the Commission the  
16 extent to which funding of a previously created and established  
17 position contributes directly to the creation of additional  
18 positions at the participating hospital or clinical situation.

19       B. The Commission is authorized, in cooperation with the  
20 Oklahoma Health Care Authority, to enter into contractual  
21 arrangements with the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and  
22 the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine for  
23 the reimbursement of intern and resident professional liability  
24 insurance cost which shall not be subject to the limits established

1 in Section 697.2 of this title. Any and all intern and resident  
2 positions are eligible for reimbursement of intern and resident  
3 professional liability insurance cost.

4 C. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
5 fund for the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
6 Commission to be designated the "Intern and Residents Professional  
7 Liability Insurance Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not  
8 subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies  
9 received by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
10 Commission for reimbursement of intern and residency professional  
11 liability insurance costs. All monies accruing to the credit of the  
12 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the  
13 ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission for  
14 such costs. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
15 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
16 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
17 Services for approval and payment.

18 SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.11, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 697.11 A. In addition to internship and residency  
21 programs previously established and funded, it is the intent of the  
22 Legislature that the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
23 Training Commission, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Health Care  
24 Authority, establish a Critical Need Internship and Residency

1 Program. The purpose of the Program is to fund internship and  
2 residency programs across the state in areas of critical need. The  
3 determination of areas of critical need shall be made through a  
4 cooperative effort between the University of Oklahoma College of  
5 Medicine and the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic  
6 Medicine. The findings shall be reported to the Commission by July  
7 1, 2006, and every three (3) years thereafter.

8 B. The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and the  
9 Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall  
10 annually provide to the Commission a report outlining the areas of  
11 physician shortages in each specialty area. The report shall be the  
12 basis for the cooperative funding of critical need physician  
13 specialties for the current fiscal year.

14 C. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
15 fund for the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
16 Commission to be designated the "Critical Need Internship and  
17 Residency Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject  
18 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received  
19 by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission  
20 for funding internship and residency programs in areas of critical  
21 need. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
22 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the ~~Physician~~  
23 ~~Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission for such costs.  
24 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the



1 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
2 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
3 approval and payment.

4 SECTION 26. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.12, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 697.12 ~~The Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
7 Training Commission shall establish and administer a cost-sharing  
8 scholarship program for the provision of physician services at the  
9 various correctional facilities under the Department of Corrections  
10 and the surrounding or nearby communities. Except as otherwise  
11 specified herein, the scholarship program shall be administered  
12 pursuant to the requirements prescribed by law for and as part of  
13 the Oklahoma Community Education Scholarship Program. Each  
14 scholarship available hereunder shall be funded on a percentage  
15 cost-sharing basis as follows: One-half (1/2) of the costs to be  
16 provided by the Commission, one-fourth (1/4) of the costs to be  
17 provided by the Department of Corrections and one-fourth (1/4) of  
18 the costs to be provided by a community. Each physician, who has  
19 participated in the scholarship program hereunder, shall devote  
20 one-half (1/2) of his or her professional time to medical care and  
21 treatment of inmates at a state correctional facility and one-half  
22 (1/2) of his or her professional time to medical services in the  
23 community which shared the cost of a scholarship hereunder, for the  
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1 period of time as required under the Oklahoma Community Education  
2 Scholarship Program.

3 SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.15, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 697.15 In order for any hospital or clinic to be  
6 eligible to receive funds through the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care  
7 Workforce Training Commission for residency or internship positions,  
8 such hospital or clinic shall affirm that students receiving their  
9 medical education in Oklahoma will be given special consideration  
10 for all residency and internship positions.

11 SECTION 28. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.16, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 697.16 ~~Effective July 1, 1982, all positions of the~~  
14 ~~Physician Manpower~~ All future appointments of personnel to the  
15 Health Care Workforce Training Commission ~~except the Executive~~  
16 ~~Director who shall remain in the unclassified service, shall become~~  
17 ~~subject to the Merit System of Personnel Administration. All~~  
18 ~~incumbent employees shall be classified without the need to pass~~  
19 ~~examinations and shall be allocated in accordance with the~~  
20 ~~recommended classifications as proposed by the Merit System~~ be in  
21 the unclassified service. Any classified employee occupying a  
22 position in the Commission prior to July 1, 2022, shall retain the  
23 right to remain in the classified service. However, at the time  
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1 such position becomes vacant, it shall be placed in the unclassified  
2 service.

3 SECTION 29. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.17, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 697.17 A. There is hereby established the Nursing  
6 Student Assistance Program which shall be administered by the  
7 ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission. The  
8 purpose of the program shall be to encourage persons to enter  
9 nursing education programs and to practice in areas of this state in  
10 which there is an urgent need for nursing services or in  
11 institutions or agencies of this state which provide funds on a  
12 matching basis with the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
13 Training Commission for the support of nursing students. The  
14 Nursing Student Assistance Program shall be administered by rules  
15 adopted by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
16 Commission.

17 B. Only students who are residents of this state shall be  
18 eligible to participate in the Nursing Student Assistance Program.

19 C. If a person receiving Nursing Student Assistance Program  
20 funds fails to fully comply with the provisions of the contract for  
21 the funds, the person shall refund to the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health  
22 Care Workforce Training Commission all monies received by the person  
23 pursuant to the provisions of the contract plus a one-time  
24 liquidated damages assessment of five percent (5%) of the total

1 amount dispersed to the person in lieu of interest. The Commission  
2 shall prorate the amount to be repaid in the event the obligation  
3 was partially fulfilled.

4 D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
5 fund for the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
6 Commission to be designated the "Nursing Student Assistance Fund".  
7 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year  
8 limitations, and shall consist of all nonappropriated monies,  
9 including community match money of appropriated funds, grants,  
10 gifts, and repayment of scholarships received by the ~~Physician~~  
11 ~~Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission. All monies  
12 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may  
13 be budgeted and expended by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care  
14 Workforce Training Commission for such scholarships as may be  
15 provided for pursuant to the Nursing Student Assistance Program.  
16 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
17 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
18 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
19 approval and payment.

20 SECTION 30. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.18, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 697.18 A community may enter into a contract with a  
23 physician who is a graduate from an accredited medical school  
24 whereby such physician agrees to establish a practice in that

1 community. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
2 Commission shall have the authority to receive funds direct from  
3 that community for the purpose of paying the physician involved to  
4 the extent of the contractual arrangement. Monies received by the  
5 Commission under the provisions of this section shall be deposited  
6 to and disbursed from, the "Community Match Revolving Fund" hereby  
7 created in the State Treasury. The fund shall be a continuing fund  
8 not subject to legislative appropriation of fiscal year limitations.  
9 Expenditures from said fund shall be made on warrants issued by the  
10 State Treasurer against claims filed by the Commission with the  
11 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
12 approval and payment.

13 SECTION 31. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.19, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 697.19 A. There is hereby established the Omnibus  
16 Budget Reconciliation Act Program (OBRA) which shall be administered  
17 by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission.  
18 The purpose of the program shall be to encourage persons to enter  
19 nursing education programs and to practice in nursing homes of this  
20 state in which there is an urgent need for nursing services which  
21 provide funds on a matching basis with the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health  
22 Care Workforce Training Commission for the support of nursing  
23 students. The OBRA Program shall be administered by rules under the  
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1 Oklahoma Nursing Student Assistance Program adopted by the ~~Physician~~  
2 ~~Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission.

3 B. Only students who are residents of this state shall be  
4 eligible to participate in the OBRA Program.

5 C. If a person receiving OBRA Program funds fails to fully  
6 comply with the provisions of the contract for said funds, the  
7 person shall refund to the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
8 Training Commission all monies received by the person pursuant to  
9 the provisions of the contract plus interest at the rate of twelve  
10 percent (12%) from the date of disbursement of said funds and shall  
11 be liable for any other liquidated damages as specified in the  
12 contract.

13 D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
14 fund for the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
15 Commission to be designated the "OBRA Fund". The fund shall be a  
16 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
17 consist of all nonappropriated monies, including local nursing home  
18 association match money of appropriated funds, grants, gifts, and  
19 repayment of scholarships received by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health  
20 Care Workforce Training Commission. All monies accruing to the  
21 credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and  
22 expended by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training  
23 Commission for such scholarships as may be provided for pursuant to  
24 the OBRA Program. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon

warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

SECTION 32. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.20, is amended to read as follows:

Section 697.20 A. There is hereby created the "Osteopathic Internship and Residency Program" which shall be conducted and administered by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission. The purpose of this program is to provide for the fair and necessary distribution of funds allocated to it by the Legislature to provide monies to the following programs under the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Program:

1. The Doctor of Osteopathy Residency Program (OSU/COM);

2. The Osteopathic General Practice Residency Program (OSU/COM); and

3. The Osteopathic Internship Program (OSU/COM).

B. The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission is hereby authorized to distribute such monies to the funds specified in Sections 697.2 and 697.6 of this title necessary to fund the programs specified in this section.

SECTION 33. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.21, is amended to read as follows:

Section 697.21 A. There is hereby established the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to

1 encourage persons to enter physician assistant education programs  
2 and to practice in rural and medically underserved areas of this  
3 state. The Physician Assistant Scholarship Program shall be  
4 administered by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
5 Training Commission pursuant to rules promulgated by the Commission  
6 and shall be funded based on an annual estimate of need as  
7 determined by the Commission. Awards made pursuant to this Program  
8 shall be subject to the availability of funds. The number of and  
9 amount of each award shall be determined by the Commission based on  
10 the availability of funds.

11 B. Only students who have been admitted as a student in an  
12 accredited physician assistant program shall be eligible to  
13 participate in the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program.

14 C. If a person receiving Physician Assistant Scholarship  
15 Program monies fails to fully comply with the provisions of the  
16 contract for the monies, the person shall refund to the ~~Physician~~  
17 ~~Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission all monies  
18 received by the person pursuant to the provisions of the contract  
19 plus interest at a rate that equals the prime interest rate plus one  
20 percent (1%) from the date of disbursement of the funds and shall be  
21 liable for any other liquidated damages as specified in the  
22 contract.

23 D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
24 fund for the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training



1 Commission to be designated the "Physician Assistant Scholarship  
2 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal  
3 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the  
4 ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce Training Commission for  
5 implementation of the Physician Assistant Scholarship Program. All  
6 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated  
7 and may be budgeted and expended by the ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health  
8 Care Workforce Training Commission for such scholarships as may be  
9 provided for pursuant to the Physician Assistant Scholarship  
10 Program. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
11 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
12 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
13 Services for approval and payment.

14 SECTION 34. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 697.21a, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 697.21a The ~~Physician Manpower~~ Health Care Workforce  
17 Training Commission shall promulgate rules to enforce the provisions  
18 of this act.

19 SECTION 35. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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