

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 4041
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Research Analysis

House Bill 4041, as introduced, requires that any person conducting a diagnosis or dental practice, including prescribing medication or treatment, via the Internet or other telecommunications device, must maintain an office location for follow-up treatment and record-keeping within Oklahoma or within 50 miles of an Oklahoma border and in a state with an interstate dental and dental hygienist compact. The measure increases the awards for educational loan repayment assistance through the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program from 25 to 30 full-time equivalent Oklahoma licensed dentists annually and raises the disbursement cap from \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year for a maximum five-year period.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 4041 modifies the permissible location in which a teledentistry must have an office, allowing it to be located in Oklahoma or adjacent to Oklahoma and within fifty (50) miles of an Oklahoma border for states with an interstate dental and dental hygienist compact.

In addition, this measure increases the number of participants awarded educational assistance through the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program from twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) full-time licensed dentists per year and increases the loan assistance from fifty thousand (\$50,000) to sixty thousand (\$60,000) per year.

Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) provides funding for the loan repayment program. Officials from OSDH confirmed they do not anticipate the increase in participants or assistance to have a negative fiscal impact on the agency and is reasonable within current budgetary resources. There are no further considerations to the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.