

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 2121

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 1-2721, as last amended by Section 1,  
9 Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2018 (63 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
10 1-2721), which relates to the Oklahoma Medical Loan  
11 Repayment Program; providing for inclusion of general  
12 surgery; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 697.3, as  
13 amended by Section 3, Chapter 67, O.S.L. 2020 (70  
14 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 697.3), which relates to the  
15 Physician Manpower Training Commission; including a  
16 nurse practitioner in membership; and providing an  
17 effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2721, as  
20 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2018 (63 O.S. Supp.  
21 2020, Section 1-2721), is amended to read as follows:

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

2. For the purposes of this section, "primary care physicians"  
shall mean physicians practicing in family medicine, geriatrics,

1 general internal medicine, general pediatrics,  
2 obstetrics/gynecology, ~~or~~ emergency medicine, or general surgery.

3 3. For the purposes of this section, "health center" shall mean  
4 a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C., Section  
5 1905(1)(2)(B).

6 4. For the purposes of this section, "Teaching Health Center"  
7 shall mean a health center that supports the residencies of primary  
8 care physicians within the operations of the health center.

9 5. The Program, depending upon and limited to available  
10 funding, shall provide educational loan repayment assistance to  
11 Oklahoma licensed primary care physicians and physician assistants  
12 who agree to establish a practice in a community located in Oklahoma  
13 approved by the Commission.

14 6. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be  
15 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the  
16 participant at the end of each contract year with disbursements not  
17 to exceed an amount to be established annually by the Commission.  
18 Prior to any disbursement, the Commission shall certify and properly  
19 review reports submitted by the participating physician or physician  
20 assistant detailing performance of activities in accordance with the  
21 Program.

22 7. The Commission shall review the performance in the Program  
23 of the participating physician or physician assistant and determine  
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1 whether an award may be granted for additional years pursuant to  
2 rules promulgated by the Commission.

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

8 C. A physician or physician assistant shall be eligible to  
9 participate in the ~~loan repayment program~~ Oklahoma Medical Loan  
10 Repayment Program if the individual:

11 1. Is a physician that holds a current Oklahoma medical  
12 license;

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

20 3. Is a current practicing physician or physician assistant and  
21 has met criteria established by the Commission.

22 D. The Commission may accept donations of public or private  
23 funds to assist in funding the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment  
24 Program. The Commission may, at its discretion, contract with other

1 public entities and ~~non-profit~~ nonprofit corporations for the  
2 endowment, management and administration of such funds.

3 E. The Commission shall present a report on the operation of  
4 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within  
6 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the  
7 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in  
8 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 697.3, as  
10 amended by Section 3, Chapter 67, O.S.L. 2020 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
11 Section 697.3), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 697.3 The Physician Manpower Training Commission shall  
13 be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor with the  
14 advice and consent of the Senate. Upon the expiration of the term  
15 of one of the nonphysician members, three members shall be  
16 practicing allopathic physicians, three shall be practicing  
17 osteopathic physicians and one shall ~~not~~ be a ~~physician~~ nurse  
18 practitioner. The membership shall be appointed from diverse  
19 geographic areas of the state. No board member serving on November  
20 1, 2001, shall be removed from the board to satisfy the requirements  
21 of this section, but appointments to fill vacancies subsequent to  
22 November 1, 2001, shall be subject to the requirements of this  
23 section. Three members of the Commission shall be appointed for  
24 one-year terms, two members shall be appointed for three-year terms

1 and two members shall be appointed for five-year terms, and at the  
2 expiration of the initial terms, succeeding terms of office shall be  
3 five (5) years in duration. There shall be also twelve additional  
4 nonvoting ex officio members of the Commission who shall serve in an  
5 advisory capacity only and include the Dean of the University of  
6 Oklahoma College of Medicine or designee, the Dean of the University  
7 of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa or designee, the Chair of  
8 the Department of Family Medicine of the University of Oklahoma  
9 Health Sciences Center or designee, the Chair of the Department of  
10 Family Practice of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine -  
11 Tulsa or designee, the Chair of the Department of General Practice  
12 of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery or  
13 designee, the President of the Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians  
14 or designee, the President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association  
15 or designee, the President of the Oklahoma State Osteopathic  
16 Association or designee, the President of the Oklahoma Hospital  
17 Association or designee, the State Commissioner of Health or  
18 designee, the Provost of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences  
19 Center or designee, and the Dean of the Oklahoma College of  
20 Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery or designee. Members of the  
21 Commission shall serve without salary, but may be reimbursed for  
22 travel expenses in attending meetings and performing their duties  
23 pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et  
24 seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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