

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 5, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 2121

By: McEntire of the House

5 and

6 McCortney of the Senate

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

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2721, as
21 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2018 (63 O.S. Supp.
22 2020, Section 1-2721), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1-2721. A. 1. The Physician Manpower Training
24 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,

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.

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

2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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