

1 **UTAH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE FINANCIAL**
2 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Edward H. Redd**

6 Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill reauthorizes the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program
11 and repeals certain outdated provisions.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ amends the membership of the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance
15 Program Advisory Committee;
- 16 ▶ amends the repeal date for the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance
17 Program; and
- 18 ▶ repeals provisions related to certain contracts and applications that no longer exist.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22 None

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24 AMENDS:

25 **26-46-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 286

26 **63I-2-226**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 345

27 REPEALS:

28 **26-46-104**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 307

30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **26-46-103** is amended to read:

32 **26-46-103. Advisory committee -- Membership -- Compensation -- Duties.**

33 (1) There is created the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program
34 Advisory Committee consisting of the following 13 members appointed by the executive
35 director, eight of whom shall be residents of rural communities:

36 (a) one rural representative of Utah Hospitals and Health Systems, nominated by the
37 association;

38 (b) two rural representatives of the Utah Medical Association, nominated by the
39 association;

40 (c) one representative of the Utah Academy of Physician Assistants, nominated by the
41 association;

42 (d) one representative of the Association for Utah Community Health, nominated by
43 the association;

44 (e) one representative of the Utah Dental Association, nominated by the association;

45 (f) one representative of mental health therapists, selected from nominees submitted by
46 mental health therapist professional associations;

47 (g) one representative of the Association of Local Health Officers, nominated by the
48 association;

49 (h) one representative of ~~[the]~~ a low-income advocacy ~~[community]~~ group, nominated
50 by ~~[the Utah Human Services Coalition]~~ a Utah health and human services coalition that
51 represents underserved populations;

52 (i) one nursing program faculty member, nominated by the Statewide Deans and
53 Directors Committee;

54 (j) one administrator of a long-term care facility, nominated by the Utah Health Care
55 Association;

56 (k) one nursing administrator, nominated by the Utah Nurses Association; and

57 (l) one geriatric professional who is:

58 (i) determined by the department to have adequate advanced training in geriatrics to
59 prepare the person to provide specialized geriatric care within the scope of the person's
60 profession; and

61 (ii) nominated by a professional association for the profession of which the person is a
62 member.

63 (2) An appointment to the committee shall be for a four-year term unless the member is
64 appointed to complete an unexpired term. The executive director may also adjust the length of
65 term at the time of appointment or reappointment so that approximately 1/2 the committee is
66 appointed every two years. The executive director shall annually appoint a committee chair
67 from among the members of the committee.

68 (3) The committee shall meet at the call of the chair, at least three members of the
69 committee, or the executive director, but no less frequently than once each calendar year.

70 (4) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum. The action of a
71 majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the committee.

72 (5) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but
73 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

74 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

75 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

76 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
77 63A-3-107.

78 (6) The committee shall:

79 (a) make recommendations to the department for the development and modification of
80 rules to administer the Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program; and

81 (b) advise the department on the development of a needs assessment tool for
82 identifying underserved areas.

83 (7) As funding permits, the department shall provide staff and other administrative
84 support to the committee.

85 Section 2. Section 63I-2-226 is amended to read:

86 **63I-2-226. Repeal dates -- Title 26.**

87 (1) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program, is
88 repealed July 1, [~~2017~~] 2027.

89 (2) Section ~~26-18-412~~ is repealed December 31, 2016.

90 Section 3. **Repealer.**

91 This bill repeals:

92 Section ~~26-46-104~~, **Continuity between programs.**