

SENATE FILE NO. SF0047

Health care provider loan repayments.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care providers; removing the
2 requirement that the department of health, in administering
3 loan repayment programs for physicians, dentists and allied
4 health care providers, consult with the department advisory
5 council; requiring the department to consult with licensing
6 boards and professional associations, as specified;
7 removing a restriction on eligible physician and dentist
8 loans to post-undergraduate loans; authorizing loan
9 reimbursement for speech language pathologists; removing a
10 local matching funds requirement for allied health care
11 provider loan reimbursements; providing priority for
12 Wyoming graduates in loan reimbursement agreements;
13 providing appropriations; authorizing an additional
14 position; and providing for an effective date.

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16 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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2 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-118(a)(ii) and (b) and
3 9-2-119(a)(intro), (ii), (b) and by creating a new
4 subsection (e) are amended to read:

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6 **9-2-118. Physician and dentist loan repayment**
7 **program.**

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9 (a) The department is authorized to enter into
10 agreements with physicians and dentists who have graduated
11 from accredited residency programs to provide health care
12 in this state. The agreements shall:

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14 (ii) Provide that the physician or dentist shall
15 be repaid up to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of
16 outstanding educational loans the physician or dentist has
17 acquired ~~after completing undergraduate programs and~~ as a
18 direct result of medical or dental school training, not to
19 exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) per year,
20 including the matching funds specified in subsection (d) of
21 this section, in exchange for practicing his profession
22 under the terms of this section;

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1 (b) The department, in consultation with the
2 ~~departmental advisory council~~ appropriate licensing board
3 and professional association, shall promulgate rules
4 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. In
5 carrying out this section the department shall assess
6 health care needs of the state by geographic areas and
7 practice specialties and shall prioritize and enter into
8 agreements under this section accordingly.

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10 **9-2-119. Allied health care provider loan repayment**
11 **program.**

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13 (a) The department is authorized to enter into
14 agreements with health care providers licensed or certified
15 to provide health care services in this state including,
16 but not limited to, hospital, medical, surgical, dental,
17 vision, nursing, radiology, mental health, speech language
18 pathology and pharmaceutical services. The agreements
19 shall:

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21 (ii) Provide that the health care provider shall
22 be repaid up to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of
23 outstanding educational loans the provider has acquired as
24 a result of educational training directly related to

1 providing medical services, not to exceed ten thousand
2 dollars (\$10,000.00) per year, ~~including the matching funds~~
3 ~~specified in subsection (d) of this section,~~ in exchange
4 for practicing under the terms of this section;

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6 (b) The department, in consultation with the
7 ~~departmental advisory council~~ appropriate licensing board
8 and professional association, shall promulgate rules
9 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. In
10 carrying out this section the department shall assess
11 health care needs of the state by geographic areas and
12 particular health care services required and shall
13 prioritize and enter into agreements under this section
14 accordingly.

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16 (e) In selecting health care providers for agreements
17 pursuant to this section, the department shall give
18 priority when practical to qualified graduates of the
19 University of Wyoming or a Wyoming community college.

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21 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-119(d) is repealed.

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23 **Section 3.**

1 (a) Six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) is
2 appropriated from the budget reserve account to the
3 department of health for loan repayments pursuant to W.S.
4 9-2-118.

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6 (b) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is
7 appropriated from the budget reserve account to the
8 department of health for loan repayments pursuant to W.S.
9 9-2-119.

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11 (c) Ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000.00) is
12 appropriated from the general fund to the department of
13 health and one (1) additional part-time position is
14 authorized for the purpose of administering the physician
15 and health care provider loan repayment programs pursuant
16 to W.S. 9-2-118 and 9-2-119.

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18 (d) The loan repayment programs provided by W.S.
19 9-2-118 and 9-2-119 shall be included in the department of
20 health's standard biennial budget request.

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22 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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