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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1224

5 By: Representative Tosh  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STATE CRIME LABORATORY  
9 STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO ESTABLISH THE STATE CRIME LABORATORY  
15 STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 3, is  
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 12-12-327. State Crime Laboratory Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

23 (a) There is established the State Crime Laboratory Student Loan  
24 Forgiveness Program to assist pathologists employed by the State Crime  
25 Laboratory with the repayment of the pathologists' student loans.

26 (b)(1) The program described under this section shall be administered  
27 by the laboratory.

28 (2) The State Crime Laboratory Board shall promulgate rules for  
29 determining a pathologist's eligibility for student loan forgiveness under  
30 the program that shall include the following requirements:

31 (A) Satisfactory completion of any probationary employment  
32 period;

33 (B) Proof of a student loan that remains unpaid, including  
34 the name and address of the student loan creditor; and

35 (C) An executed employment contract with the laboratory in  
36 which the pathologist agrees to:



1                   (i) Work for the laboratory for a term that equals  
2 twenty-four (24) months for each year that the program makes a payment on the  
3 pathologist's student loan; and

4                   (ii) Reimburse the program if the pathologist  
5 resigns or is terminated for cause before the term of the employment contract  
6 terminates.

7                   (3) The amount of the payment to be made directly to the  
8 pathologist's student loan creditor shall not exceed:

9                   (A) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per twenty-four  
10 months; or

11                   (B) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per  
12 pathologist.

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