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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1422

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND STATE INCOME TAX LAWS; TO ENACT THE
9 PRECEPTOR TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE
10 INCENTIVES FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL OR COUNSELING
11 PROFESSIONALS TO TRAIN CERTAIN STUDENTS WHO ARE
12 LEARNING TO BECOME MEDICAL OR COUNSELING
13 PROFESSIONALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO ENACT THE PRECEPTOR TAX INCENTIVE
17 PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR
18 CERTAIN MEDICAL OR COUNSELING
19 PROFESSIONALS TO TRAIN STUDENTS WHO ARE
20 LEARNING TO BECOME MEDICAL OR COUNSELING
21 PROFESSIONALS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, is amended to add an
28 additional subchapter to read as follows:
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Subchapter 29 – Preceptor Tax Incentive Program

26-51-2901. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

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34 (1) "Counseling student" means an individual who is
35 participating in a training program in this state that is accredited by a
36 nationally recognized accrediting body for training a student to become a



1 licensed professional counselor, licensed associate counselor, or licensed
 2 marriage and family therapist under § 17-27-101 et seq.;

3 (2) "Faculty preceptor" means an individual who is licensed as
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5 (A) Physician licensed under the Arkansas Medical
 6 Practices Act, 17-95-401 et seq.;

7 (B) Registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse,
 8 or registered nurse practitioner under § 17-87-301 et seq.;

9 (C) Physician assistant licensed under § 17-105-101 et
 10 seq.; or

11 (D) A licensed professional counselor, licensed associate
 12 counselor, or licensed marriage and family therapist by the Arkansas Board of
 13 Examiners in Counseling under § 17-27-101 et seq.;

14 (3) "Medical student" means an individual participating in a
 15 training program in this state that is approved by the Arkansas State Medical
 16 Board for the training of physicians;

17 (4) "Nursing student" means an individual participating in a
 18 training program in this state that is accredited by a nationally recognized
 19 accrediting body for training a student to become a registered nurse,
 20 advanced practice registered nurse, or registered nurse practitioner under §
 21 17-87-101 et seq.;

22 (5) "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice
 23 medicine under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq.;

24 (6) "Physician assistant student" means an individual
 25 participating in a training program in this state that is approved by the
 26 Arkansas State Medical Board for the training of individuals to become
 27 physician assistants as defined in § 17-105-101 et seq.;

28 (7) "Preceptorship rotation" means a period of preceptorship
 29 training of one or more medical students, physician assistant students,
 30 counseling students, or nursing students that in aggregate totals at least
 31 one hundred sixty (160) hours; and

32 (8) "Preceptorship training" means community based training of a
 33 medical student, counseling student, nursing student, or physician assistant
 34 student who has matriculated at a training program in Arkansas.

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 36 26-51-2902. Uncompensated faculty preceptor.

1 (a) As used in this section, "uncompensated faculty preceptor" means
2 the faculty preceptor who:

3 (1) Provides a preceptorship rotation; and

4 (2) Does not receive any kind of financial remuneration from any
5 party for conducting the preceptorship rotation.

6 (b)(1) An uncompensated faculty preceptor is allowed an income tax
7 credit against the income tax imposed by this chapter in the amount
8 determined under subsection (c) of this section for wages he or she receives
9 as a physician, licensed professional counselor, licensed associate
10 counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, professional nurse,
11 advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse practitioner, or
12 physician assistant.

13 (2) If the amount of the income tax credit allowed under this
14 section exceeds the taxpayer's income-tax liability, the excess shall be
15 refunded to the taxpayer.

16 (c)(1) The amount of the tax credit allowed under subsection (b) of
17 this section is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per student who participated in
18 the preceptor training during the calendar year.

19 (2) The taxpayer shall not claim more than ten thousand dollars
20 (\$10,000) per year in income tax credits under this section.

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22 26-51-2903. Compensated faculty preceptor.

23 (a) As used in this section, "compensated faculty preceptor" means a
24 faculty preceptor who:

25 (1) Provides a preceptorship rotation; and

26 (2) Receives payment as an independent contractor as
27 compensation for conducting the preceptorship rotation paid for by the school
28 at which the medical student, nursing student, counseling student, or
29 physician assistant student has matriculated.

30 (b)(1) A compensated faculty preceptor is allowed an income tax credit
31 against the income tax imposed by this chapter in the amount determined under
32 subsection (c) of this section for payments he or she receives as an
33 independent contractor for conducting the preceptor training.

34 (2) If the amount of the income tax credit allowed under this
35 section exceeds the taxpayer's income-tax liability, the excess shall be
36 refunded to the taxpayer.

1 (c) Amount of the tax credit allowed under subsection (b) of this
2 section is equal to the amount the taxpayer received as compensation for
3 conducting the preceptor training, not to exceed six thousand dollars
4 (\$6,000) per taxpayer.

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6 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act is effective for tax years beginning
7 on or after January 1, 2023.

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