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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1931

5 By: Representative Bentley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
9 STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL
14 PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP
15 BOARD.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-702(a), concerning the membership of
22 the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a)(1) There is established the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice
25 Student Loan and Scholarship Board ~~composed of~~ that shall consist of eight
26 (8) members appointed by the Governor for a three-year term.

27 ~~(A) The Dean of the College of Medicine of the University~~
28 ~~of Arkansas for Medical Sciences as chair;~~

29 ~~(B) One (1) representative of the Arkansas Medical Society~~
30 ~~as vice chair;~~

31 ~~(C) The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for~~
32 ~~Medical Sciences;~~

33 ~~(D) One (1) representative of the College of Medicine of~~
34 ~~the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, named by the dean of that~~
35 ~~school;~~

36 ~~(E) Two (2) physician members appointed by the Arkansas~~



1 ~~Medical Society, giving preference to physicians who have received rural~~
 2 ~~medical practice loans, community match loans, or income incentives; and~~
 3 ~~(F) Two (2) representatives appointed by the Arkansas~~
 4 ~~Hospital Association.~~

5 (2) Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner.

6 (3) The Governor shall consider a range of practice specialties
 7 and geographical areas of practice in making appointments to the board.

8 (4) The Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of
 9 Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall be appointed as a member and chair of the
 10 board by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

11 (5) Two (2) members shall be duly qualified, licensed, and
 12 active medical practitioners and appointed by the Governor after consulting
 13 with the Arkansas Medical Society, Inc., and subject to confirmation by the
 14 Senate.

15 (6) One (1) member shall be a licensed practicing physician in
 16 this state and shall be appointed by the Governor after consulting with the
 17 Physician's Section of the Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical
 18 Association, Inc., and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

19 (7) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Governor after
 20 consulting with the Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of
 21 Arkansas for Medical Sciences and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

22 (8) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor after
 23 consulting with the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership and subject to
 24 confirmation by the Senate.

25 (9) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor after
 26 consulting with the Arkansas Hospital Association, Inc., and subject to
 27 confirmation by the Senate.

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 29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-708(c)(4)(D), concerning the loan
 30 contracts, obligations, and conditions of rural medical practice loans, is
 31 repealed.

32 ~~(D) In the event of the death of the recipient, the entire loan~~
 33 ~~amount that has not been converted to a scholarship grant pursuant to the~~
 34 ~~terms of the loan contract shall be due and payable;~~

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 36 APPROVED: 4/30/21