

Amendment No.4

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Care Appropriations  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Antone offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 7868 and 7869, insert:

7 Section 125. Effective October 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025  
 8 fiscal year, the sums of \$25 million in recurring funds from the  
 9 General Revenue Fund for 700, \$35,000, zero percent interest  
 10 loans to Florida students pursuing a medical degree or licensure  
 11 as a physician assistant. The loan program shall be administered  
 12 by the Department of Education.

13 (1) An applicant for the loan program must be a student  
 14 struggling with rent, fees, other ancillary and necessary  
 15 expenses and must be:

16 (a) A United States citizen.

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17        (b) A Florida high school graduate.

18        (c) The first person in their family to attend medical  
19 school.

20        (d) From a less affluent family that has an annual income  
21 below \$150,000.

22        (2) Students studying in-state receive shall two-thirds of  
23 the loans and out-of-state students shall receive one-third of  
24 the loans with preference given to in-state students.

25        (3) \$5,000 of the loan may be used for emergency funds for  
26 students experiencing financial crisis.

27        (4) \$2,500 of loan may be used for fees, kits, coats,  
28 clothing, and equipment including medical bags, blood pressure  
29 equipment, and drug testing equipment, and disability insurance.

30        (5) The department shall develop a \$35,000 matching loan  
31 program for out-of-state students.

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34                    **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

35        Remove line 749 and insert:

36        directive to the department; providing an  
37        appropriation for specified purposes; providing  
38        effective