

# HOUSE BILL No. 1319

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-46-5-9.

**Synopsis:** Loan repayment for health professionals. Provides that occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, physical therapists, and speech language pathologists are eligible for certain loan repayments made available to health care professionals.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-46-5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.122-2012,  
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 9. In order to be eligible for loan repayment for  
4 student loans, a health care professional must meet all of the following  
5 conditions:

6 (1) Hold an unlimited license to practice a health care profession,  
7 **including as an occupational therapist or an occupational**  
8 **therapy assistant, a physical therapist, and a speech language**  
9 **pathologist**, in Indiana that has been declared by the state  
10 department to be eligible for loan repayment in a specified fiscal  
11 year.

12 (2) Practice in a shortage area in a health care profession that has  
13 been declared eligible by the state department for loan repayment  
14 in a specified fiscal year.

15 (3) Either:  
16 (A) enter into an agreement with the state department; or  
17 (B) provide the state department with a copy of an agreement



1                   that the health professional has entered into with a provider in  
2                   a shortage area;  
3                   to practice in the shortage area for at least one (1) year.

