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HOUSE BILL NO. 2881

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PATTERSON.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 191.500, 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 335.230, and 335.257, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to financial assistance for health profession students.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 191.500, 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 335.230, and 335.257, RSMo, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 191.500, 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 335.230, and 335.257, to read as follows:

191.500. As used in sections 191.500 to 191.550, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

(1) "Area of defined need", a community or section of an urban area of this state which is certified by the department of health and senior services as being in need of the services of a physician to improve the patient-doctor ratio in the area, to contribute professional physician services to an area of economic impact, or to contribute professional physician services to an area suffering from the effects of a natural disaster;

(2) "Department", the department of health and senior services;

(3) "Eligible student", a full-time student accepted and enrolled in a formal course of instruction **at a participating school** leading to a degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy ~~[at a participating school]~~, **including any such degree in the area of psychiatry; a degree of doctor of dental surgery; a degree of doctor of dental medicine; or a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene;**

(4) "Financial assistance", an amount of money paid by the state of Missouri to a qualified applicant pursuant to sections 191.500 to 191.550;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 (5) "Participating school"[~~§~~]:

17 (a) An institution of higher learning within this state which grants:

18 a. The degrees of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy, and which is accredited
19 in the appropriate degree program by the American Medical Association [~~or~~], the American
20 Osteopathic Association, **or the American Psychiatric Association; or**

21 b. **The degree of doctor of dental surgery, the degree of doctor of dental**
22 **medicine, or the bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene, and which is accredited in**
23 **the appropriate degree program by the American Dental Association; and**

24 (b) **Applicable residency programs for each degree type and discipline;**

25 (6) "Primary care"[~~§~~]:

26 (a) General or family practice, internal medicine, pediatric, **psychiatric**, or obstetric
27 and gynecological care as provided to the general public by physicians licensed and registered
28 pursuant to chapter 334; **and**

29 (b) **Dental practice as provided to the general public by dentists or dental**
30 **hygienists licensed under chapter 332;**

31 (7) "Resident", any natural person who has lived in this state for one or more years for
32 any purpose other than the attending of an educational institution located within this state;

33 (8) "Rural area", a town or community within this state which is not within a
34 "standard metropolitan statistical area", and has a population of six thousand or fewer
35 inhabitants as determined by the last preceding federal decennial census or any
36 unincorporated area not within a standard metropolitan statistical area.

191.515. An eligible student may apply to the department for a loan under sections
2 191.500 to 191.550 only if, at the time of his **or her** application and throughout the period
3 during which he **or she** receives the loan, he **or she is a resident of this state and** has been
4 formally accepted as a student in a participating school in a course of study leading to the
5 degree of doctor of medicine [~~or~~], doctor of osteopathy, [~~and is a resident of this state~~] **doctor**
6 **of dental surgery, or doctor of dental medicine or to the bachelor of science degree in**
7 **dental hygiene.**

191.520. No loan to any eligible student shall exceed [~~seven thousand five hundred~~]
2 **twenty-five thousand** dollars for each academic year, which shall run from August first of
3 any year through July thirty-first of the following year. All loans shall be made from funds
4 appropriated to the medical school loan and loan repayment program fund created by section
5 191.600, by the general assembly.

191.525. No more than twenty-five loans shall be made to eligible students during the
2 first academic year this program is in effect. Twenty-five new loans may be made for the next
3 three academic years until a total of one hundred loans are available. At least one-half of the
4 loans shall be made to students from rural areas as defined in section 191.500. An eligible

5 student may receive loans for each academic year he **or she** is pursuing a course of study
6 directly leading to a degree of doctor of medicine [~~or~~], doctor of osteopathy, **doctor of dental**
7 **surgery, or doctor of dental medicine or to a bachelor of science degree in dental**
8 **hygiene.**

335.230. Financial assistance to any qualified applicant shall not exceed [~~five~~] **ten**
2 thousand dollars for each academic year for a professional nursing program and shall not
3 exceed [~~two thousand five hundred~~] **five thousand** dollars for each academic year for a
4 practical nursing program. All financial assistance shall be made from funds credited to the
5 professional and practical nursing student loan and nurse loan repayment fund. A qualified
6 applicant may receive financial assistance for each academic year he **or she** remains a student
7 in good standing at a participating school.

335.257. Successful applicants for whom loan payments are made under the
2 provisions of sections 335.245 to 335.259 shall verify to the department twice each year [~~in~~
3 ~~June and in December,~~] in the manner prescribed by the department that qualified
4 employment in this state is being maintained.

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