

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2125
(Senators K. Roers, Heckaman, Poolman)
(Representatives Dobervich, M. Ruby)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-12.3-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the health care professional student loan repayment program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 43-12.3-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The health council shall enter a contract with a selected health care professional. The health council shall agree to provide student loan repayments on behalf of the selected health care professional subject to the requirements and limitations of this section.
 - a. For a physician:
 - (1) The loan repayment may not exceed twenty thousand dollars per year, and may not exceed one hundred thousand dollars over five years; and
 - (2) The matching funds must equal fifty percent of the amount required in paragraph 1.
 - b. For a clinical psychologist:
 - (1) The loan repayment may not exceed twelve thousand dollars per year, and may not exceed sixty thousand dollars over five years; and
 - (2) The matching funds must equal twenty-five percent of the amount required in paragraph 1.
 - c. For an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant:
 - (1) The loan repayment may not exceed four thousand dollars per year, and may not exceed twenty thousand dollars over five years; and
 - (2) The matching funds must equal ten percent of the amount required in paragraph 1.
 - d. For a behavioral health professional:
 - (1) The loan repayment may not exceed four thousand dollars per year, and may not exceed twenty thousand dollars over five years; and
 - (2) The matching funds must equal ten percent of the amount required in paragraph 1.
 - e. For purposes of this section, a behavioral health professional means an individual who practices in the behavioral health field and is:
 - (1) A licensed addiction counselor;
 - (2) A licensed professional counselor;
 - (3) A licensed social worker;
 - (4) A registered nurse; or

- (5) A specialty practice registered nurse; or
- (6) A licensed behavior analyst.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2125.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 8 Absent 0

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State