

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-12.3-06 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the health care professional student loan repayment program.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

6 1. The health council shall enter into a contract with a selected health care professional.  
7 The health council shall agree to provide student loan repayments on behalf of the  
8 selected health care professional subject to the requirements and limitations of this  
9 section.

10 a. For a physician:

11 (1) The loan repayment ~~must be equal to~~may not exceed twenty thousand  
12 dollars per year, and may not exceed one hundred thousand dollars over  
13 five years; and

14 (2) The matching funds must equal fifty percent of the amount required in  
15 paragraph 1.

16 b. For a clinical psychologist:

17 (1) The loan repayment ~~must be equal to~~may not exceed twelve thousand  
18 dollars per year, and may not exceed sixty thousand dollars over five years;  
19 and

20 (2) The matching funds must equal twenty-five percent of the amount required  
21 in paragraph 1.

22 c. For an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant:

23 (1) The loan repayment ~~must be equal to~~may not exceed four thousand dollars  
24 per year, and may not exceed twenty thousand dollars over five years; and

1                   (2) The matching funds must equal ten percent of the amount required in  
2                   paragraph 1.

3           d. (4) For a behavioral health professional:

4           (a)(1) The loan repayment ~~must be equal to~~may not exceed four thousand dollars  
5           per year, and may not exceed twenty thousand dollars over five years; and

6           (b)(2) The matching funds must equal ten percent of the amount required in  
7           ~~subparagraph a~~paragraph 1.

8           (2)e. For purposes of this ~~subdivision~~section, a behavioral health professional means  
9           an individual who practices in the behavioral health field and is:

10           (a)(1) A licensed addiction counselor;

11           (b)(2) A licensed professional counselor;

12           (c)(3) A licensed social worker;

13           (d)(4) A registered nurse; or

14           (e)(5) A specialty practice registered nurse.