

SENATE FILE NO. SF0023

Health care education.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Massie and Representative(s) Osborn

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care education; clarifying
2 requirements for physician and allied health care provider
3 loan repayment agreements; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-118(a)(i), (b) and (c) and
9 9-2-119(a)(i), (b) and (c) are amended to read:

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11 **9-2-118. Physician and dentist loan repayment**
12 **program.**

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14 (a) The department is authorized to enter into
15 agreements with physicians and dentists who have graduated

1 from accredited residency programs to provide health care
2 in this state. The agreements shall:

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4 (i) Provide for the physician or dentist to
5 practice medicine in a community of the state from among a
6 list of communities developed by the department. A
7 physician or dentist shall agree to provide medical care
8 for the period of the contract in underserved areas of the
9 state and shall accept patients qualified under the Medical
10 Assistance and Services Act, Title XVIII of the federal
11 Social Security Act and the child health insurance program
12 who seek medical care which the physician or dentist is
13 qualified to provide. The department of health, in
14 consultation with the state board of medicine and the board
15 of dental examiners, shall determine which areas of the
16 state are underserved and which provider services are most
17 needed in each underserved area;

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19 (b) The department, in consultation with the
20 departmental advisory council, shall promulgate rules
21 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. ~~In~~
22 ~~carrying out this section the department shall assess~~
23 ~~health care needs of the state by geographic areas and~~

1 ~~practice specialties and shall prioritize and enter into~~
2 ~~agreements under this section accordingly.~~

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4 (c) The department may vary the terms of each
5 agreement in accordance with this section based upon the
6 community and the number of the physician's or dentist's
7 patients whose cost of care is reimbursed under Title XVIII
8 of the federal Social Security Act, ~~or the~~ child health
9 insurance program or the Wyoming Medical Assistance and
10 Services Act, ~~served by the physician.~~

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12 **9-2-119. Allied health care provider loan repayment**
13 **program.**

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15 (a) The department is authorized to enter into
16 agreements with health care providers licensed or certified
17 to provide health care services in this state including,
18 but not limited to, hospital, medical, surgical, dental,
19 vision, nursing, radiology, mental health and
20 pharmaceutical services. The agreements shall:

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22 (i) Require the health care provider to provide
23 health care services in a community of the state from among
24 a list of communities developed by the department. A

1 health care provider shall agree to provide medical care
2 for the period of the contract in underserved areas of the
3 state and shall accept patients qualified under the Medical
4 Assistance and Services Act, Title XVIII of the federal
5 Social Security Act and the child health insurance program
6 who seek medical care which the health care provider is
7 qualified to provide. The department of health, in
8 consultation with the appropriate health care provider
9 licensing boards, shall determine which areas of the state
10 are underserved and which provider services are most needed
11 in each underserved area;

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13 (b) The department, in consultation with the
14 departmental advisory council, shall promulgate rules
15 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. ~~In~~
16 ~~carrying out this section the department shall assess~~
17 ~~health care needs of the state by geographic areas and~~
18 ~~particular health care services required and shall~~
19 ~~prioritize and enter into agreements under this section~~
20 ~~accordingly.~~

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22 (c) The department may vary the terms of each
23 agreement in accordance with this section based upon the
24 community and the number of the health care provider's

1 patients whose cost of care is reimbursed under Title XVIII
2 of the federal Social Security Act, ~~or~~ the child health
3 insurance program or the Wyoming Medical Assistance and
4 Services Act, ~~or served by the health care provider.~~

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6 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-118(a)(iv) and 9-2-119(a)(iv) are
7 repealed.

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9 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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