

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.