

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 a contract with a selected health care professional. The
7 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 may not exceed twenty thousand dollars per year, and
12 may not exceed one hundred thousand dollars over five years; and

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

15 b. For a clinical psychologist:

16 (1) The loan repayment may not exceed twelve thousand dollars per year, and
17 may not exceed sixty thousand dollars over five years; and

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

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

21 (1) The loan repayment may not exceed four thousand dollars per year, and
22 may not exceed twenty thousand dollars over five years; and

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

- 1 d. For a behavioral health professional:
- 2 (1) The loan repayment may not exceed four thousand dollars per year, and
- 3 may not exceed twenty thousand dollars over five years; and
- 4 (2) The matching funds must equal ten percent of the amount required in
- 5 paragraph 1.
- 6 e. For purposes of this section, a behavioral health professional means an
- 7 individual who practices in the behavioral health field and is:
- 8 (1) A licensed addiction counselor;
- 9 (2) A licensed professional counselor;
- 10 (3) A licensed social worker;
- 11 (4) A registered nurse; ~~or~~
- 12 (5) A specialty practice registered nurse; or
- 13 (6) A licensed behavior analyst.