

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2266

Introduced by

Senators Traynor, Andrist, Lindaas

Representatives Metcalf, Nicholas

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-17.2-01, subsection 5 of section 43-17.2-02,  
2 subsection 3 of section 43-17.2-03, and section 43-17.2-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
3 relating to the state-community matching physician loan repayment program and powers of the  
4 state health council.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-17.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **43-17.2-01. State-community matching physician loan repayment program.**

- 9 1. The North Dakota state-community matching physician loan repayment program is  
10 established as provided by this chapter.
- 11 2. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of physicians practicing  
12 medicine in North Dakota communities with defined health professional medical  
13 need.
- 14 3. Under the program, loan repayments may be made to a recipient for educational  
15 expenses incurred while the recipient was attending an accredited four-year  
16 allopathic or osteopathic medical school located in the United States, its  
17 possessions, territories, or Canada and approved by the state board of medical  
18 examiners or by an accrediting body approved by the board.
- 19 ~~4. Loan repayment funds consist of a fifty percent match from the state and a fifty~~  
20 ~~percent match from the selected community.~~
- 21 ~~5.~~ Each recipient is limited to a ~~forty~~ forty-five thousand dollar maximum loan  
22 repayment from the state to be paid over ~~four~~ three years. The loan repayment  
23 from the selected community must be in an amount that equals or exceeds the  
24 amount of loan repayment provided by the state.

1       ~~6-~~ 5. The state health council ~~shall~~ may select ~~up to five recipients in five communities~~  
2                   any number of recipients and communities each year as participants in the  
3                   program.

4           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 43-17.2-02 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6           5. Enter into a ~~four-year~~ three-year nonrenewable loan repayment program contract  
7                   with the applicant and the selected community to provide repayment of education  
8                   loans in exchange for the physician agreeing to practice medicine in the selected  
9                   community.

10          **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 43-17.2-03 of the North Dakota  
11 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12          3. A physician who receives loan repayment under this chapter:

13           a. Must be a graduate of an accredited four-year allopathic or osteopathic  
14                   medical school located in the United States, its possessions, territories, or  
15                   Canada and approved by the state board of medical examiners or by an  
16                   accrediting body approved by the board;

17           b. ~~Must be enrolled in or have graduated from an accredited graduate training~~  
18                   ~~program in medicine prior to or within one year after submitting an application~~  
19                   ~~to participate in the loan repayment program and not have practiced full-time~~  
20                   medicine in this state ~~within three years~~ for more than one year before the  
21                   date of the application;

22           c. ~~Must be licensed~~ have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in  
23                   this state;

24           d. Shall submit an application to participate in the loan repayment program; and

25           e. Must have entered into an agreement with a selected community to provide  
26                   full-time medical services for a minimum of ~~four~~ three years at the selected  
27                   community if the applicant receives a loan repayment program contract.

28          **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-17.2-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
29 amended and reenacted as follows:

30          **43-17.2-08. Term of obligated service.** The length of the term of obligated service of  
31 a recipient of a loan repayment under this chapter is ~~four~~ three years.