Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 283—Chapter 31
"Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 256.178 and 256.225
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 256.225

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

October 7, 2025 4 p.m.	Room B50 Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the College Student Aid Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (Iowa Code section 256.225) was repealed on July 1, 2025, by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, so there is no further benefit of Chapter 31, which is proposed to be rescinded.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

- **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

Iowans will not bear any costs related to the rescission of Chapter 31.

- **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Iowa residents may benefit from the rescission of Chapter 31 since the rescission will eliminate information on a loan repayment program that no longer exists.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

The rescission of Chapter 31 has no impact on costs.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

The rescission of Chapter 31 has no impact on costs.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

The rescission of Chapter 31 has no impact on costs.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

The rescission of Chapter 31 is not anticipated to have an impact on State revenues.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

The benefit of rescinding Chapter 31 is eliminating obsolete information since Iowans can neither apply for nor receive the loan repayment award.

The cost of inaction would be confusion and unnecessary inquiries about the loan repayment program and the application process, both of which no longer exist.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

Rescinding Chapter 31 is the most efficient approach under Executive Order 10.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

No other methods were seriously considered since the method proposed is the most cost-efficient approach and eliminates potential confusion among Iowans seeking out loan repayment funding.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

The alternative methods were rejected because they would lead to informational burdens on students, families, Iowans in the workforce, and the Commission.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

The proposed rulemaking is not expected to impact small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **283—Chapter 31**.