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May 20, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 196, an Act expanding the health care professional recruitment program.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 196

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 261.115, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

1. A health care professional recruitment program is established to be administered by the college student aid commission for ~~Des Moines university — osteopathic medical center~~ students who graduate from an academic program at an eligible institution that leads to licensure as a health care professional. The program shall consist of a loan repayment program for health care professionals. The commission shall regularly adjust the service requirement under each aspect of the program to provide, to the extent possible, an equal financial benefit for each period of service required.

2. A health care professional shall be eligible for the loan repayment program if the health care professional agrees to practice in an eligible rural community in this state. ~~Des Moines university — osteopathic medical center~~ Eligible institutions offering academic programs that lead to licensure as a health care professional shall recruit and place health care professionals in rural communities which have agreed to provide additional funds for the recipient's loan repayment. The contract for the loan repayment shall stipulate the time period the recipient shall practice in an eligible rural community in this state. In addition, the contract shall

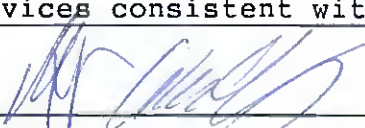
stipulate that the recipient repay any funds paid on the recipient's loan by the commission if the recipient fails to practice in an eligible rural community in this state for the required period of time.

Sec. 2. Section 261.115, subsection 5, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:


NEW PARAGRAPH. *0a.* "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents or an accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9.

Sec. 3. Section 261.115, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

b. "Health care professional" means a an athletic trainer, occupational therapist, physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, or physical therapist who is licensed, accredited, registered, or certified to perform specified health care services consistent with state law.

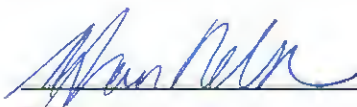


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House




JAKE CHAPMAN
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 196, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 20th, 2021



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor