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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to dental health, by establishing a dentist
2 recruitment program, establishing a revolving fund, and making
3 an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.23A DENTIST RECRUITMENT
2 PROGRAM -- REVOLVING FUND.

3 1. A dentist recruitment program is established to be
4 administered by the college student aid commission for the
5 university of Iowa college of dentistry. The program shall
6 consist of a forgivable loan program and a rural community
7 loan repayment program for dentists. The commission shall
8 regularly adjust the dentist service requirement under each
9 aspect of the program to provide, to the extent possible, an
10 equal financial benefit for each period of service required.
11 From funds appropriated for purposes of the program by the
12 general assembly, the commission shall pay a fee to the
13 university of Iowa college of dentistry for administration of
14 the program. A portion of the fee shall be paid by the
15 commission to the university based upon the number of dental
16 students and dentists recruited under subsections 2 and 3.

17 2. a. The university of Iowa college of dentistry shall
18 provide recommendations to the commission for students who
19 meet the eligibility requirements of the forgivable loan
20 program under this subsection. A forgivable loan may be
21 awarded to a resident of Iowa who meets both of the following
22 conditions:

23 (1) Is enrolled on a full-time basis at the university of
24 Iowa college of dentistry.

25 (2) Agrees to practice dentistry in an area in this state
26 underserved by dentists for a period of time to be determined
27 by the commission at the time the loan is awarded.

28 b. The loan shall be for a term set by the commission.
29 Interest on the loan shall begin to accrue the day following
30 the date on which the student graduates from the university,
31 or on the date the student graduates from a residency program,
32 whichever date is later. If the student completes the period
33 of practice in the underserved area established by the
34 commission and agreed to by the student, the loan amount shall
35 be forgiven. Neither the loan amount nor the interest on the

1 loan amount shall be forgiven if the dentist fails to complete
2 the required time period of practice in the underserved area
3 of this state.

4 3. A dentist who graduated from the university of Iowa
5 college of dentistry shall be eligible for the rural community
6 loan repayment program if the dentist agrees to practice in an
7 eligible rural community in this state. The university of
8 Iowa college of dentistry shall recruit and place dentists in
9 rural communities that have agreed to provide additional funds
10 for the dentist's loan repayment. The contract for the loan
11 repayment shall stipulate the time period the dentist shall
12 practice in an eligible rural community in this state and
13 shall also stipulate that the dentist repay any funds paid on
14 the dentist's loan by the commission if the dentist fails to
15 practice in an eligible rural community in this state for the
16 required period of time. For purposes of this subsection,
17 "eligible rural community" means a rural community in this
18 state underserved by dentists that agrees to match state funds
19 provided on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis for the loan
20 repayment of a dentist who practices in the eligible rural
21 community.

22 4. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
23 17A to administer this section.

24 5. A dentist recruitment revolving fund is created in the
25 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
26 commission. The commission shall deposit payments made by
27 dentist recruitment program recipients and the proceeds from
28 the sale of loans made pursuant to subsection 2 into the
29 dentist recruitment revolving fund. Moneys credited to the
30 fund shall be used to supplement moneys appropriated for the
31 dentist recruitment program, for loan forgiveness to eligible
32 dentists, and to pay for loan or interest repayment defaults
33 by eligible dentists. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any
34 balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not
35 revert to the general fund of the state. Notwithstanding

1 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
2 the dentist recruitment revolving fund shall be credited to
3 the fund.

4 Sec. 2. DENTIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM. There is
5 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the college
6 student aid commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the following amount, or so
8 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose
9 designated:

10 For deposit in the dentist recruitment revolving fund
11 established pursuant to section 261.23A:

12 \$ 250,000

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill establishes a dentist recruitment program.

15 The bill provides that the dentist recruitment program
16 shall be administered by the college student aid commission
17 for the university of Iowa college of dentistry. The program
18 consists of a loan forgiveness program for students who agree
19 to practice in underserved areas upon graduation and a rural
20 community loan repayment program for dentists who agree to
21 serve in eligible rural communities. The bill appropriates
22 \$250,000 to the college student aid commission for the 2006-
23 2007 fiscal year for the program. An eligible rural community
24 is a rural community underserved by dentists that agrees to
25 match state funds provided for the dentist's loans on at least
26 a \$1-for-\$1 basis.

27 From funds appropriated for the program by the general
28 assembly, the commission must pay a fee to the university of
29 Iowa college of dentistry for administration of the program
30 based upon the number of dental students and dentists
31 recruited.

32 Students are eligible for the loan forgiveness program if
33 they are residents of Iowa, are enrolled on a full-time basis
34 at the university of Iowa college of dentistry, and agree to
35 practice dentistry in an area underserved by dentists for a

1 period of time to be determined by the commission at the time
2 the loan is awarded.

3 A dentist who graduated from the university of Iowa college
4 of dentistry is eligible for the rural community loan
5 repayment program if the dentist agrees to practice in an
6 eligible rural community in this state for a time agreed to by
7 the dentist and the commission.

8 The dentist recruitment revolving fund is created in the
9 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
10 commission. Moneys in the fund derive from payments made by
11 dentist recruitment program recipients and the proceeds from
12 the sale of loans. Moneys in the fund must be used to
13 supplement moneys appropriated for the dentist recruitment
14 program, for loan forgiveness to eligible dentists, and to pay
15 for loan or interest repayment defaults by eligible dentists.
16 Moneys in the fund do not revert to the general fund, and
17 interest or earnings on moneys in the fund are credited to the
18 fund.

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