

# House File 651 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a health care  
2 professionals loan forgiveness program including loan  
3 forgiveness for family practice physicians to be administered  
4 by the college student aid commission and providing an  
5 appropriation.  
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 261.23, subsection 1, Code 2009, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 1. A ~~registered nurse and nurse educator health~~  
1 4 ~~professionals~~ loan forgiveness program is established to be  
1 5 administered by the commission. The program shall consist of  
1 6 loan forgiveness for eligible federally guaranteed loans for  
1 7 ~~family practice physicians licensed under chapter 148 and~~  
1 8 ~~registered nurses and nurse educators licensed under chapter~~  
1 9 ~~152~~ who practice or teach in this state. For purposes of this  
1 10 section, unless the context otherwise requires, "nurse  
1 11 educator" means a registered nurse who holds a master's degree  
1 12 or doctorate degree and is employed as a faculty member who  
1 13 teaches nursing as provided in 655 IAC 2.6(152) at an  
1 14 accredited private institution or an institution of higher  
1 15 education governed by the state board of regents.

1 16 Sec. 2. Section 261.23, subsection 2, paragraphs a and c,  
1 17 Code 2009, are amended to read as follows:

1 18 a. Complete and file an application for ~~registered nurse~~  
1 19 ~~or nurse educator health professional~~ loan forgiveness. The  
1 20 individual shall be responsible for the prompt submission of  
1 21 any information required by the commission.

1 22 c. Complete and return, on a form approved by the  
1 23 commission, an affidavit of practice verifying that the  
1 24 applicant is a ~~family practice physician practicing in this~~  
1 25 ~~state in a medically underserved community having a population~~  
1 26 ~~of less than fifteen thousand, a~~ registered nurse practicing  
1 27 in this state, or a nurse educator teaching at an accredited  
1 28 private institution or an institution of higher learning  
1 29 governed by the state board of regents.

1 30 Sec. 3. Section 261.23, subsection 3, Code 2009, is  
1 31 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

1 32 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0a. The annual amount of family practice  
1 33 physician loan forgiveness shall not exceed the resident  
1 34 tuition rate established for institutions of higher learning  
1 35 governed by the state board of regents for the first year  
2 1 following the family practice physician's successful  
2 2 completion of a residency program, or twenty percent of the  
2 3 family practice physician's total federally guaranteed  
2 4 Stafford loan amount under the federal family education loan  
2 5 program or the federal direct loan program, including  
2 6 principal and interest, whichever amount is less. A family  
2 7 practice physician shall be eligible for the loan forgiveness  
2 8 program for not more than five consecutive years.

2 9 Sec. 4. Section 261.23, subsection 4, Code 2009, is  
2 10 amended to read as follows:

2 11 4. A ~~registered nurse and nurse educator health~~  
2 12 ~~professionals~~ loan forgiveness repayment fund is created for  
2 13 deposit of moneys appropriated to or received by the  
2 14 commission for use under the program. Notwithstanding section  
2 15 8.33, moneys deposited in the fund shall not revert to any  
2 16 fund of the state at the end of any fiscal year but shall  
2 17 remain in the loan forgiveness repayment fund and be

2 18 continuously available for loan forgiveness under the program.  
2 19 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or  
2 20 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to  
2 21 the fund.

2 22 Sec. 5. COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION == FAMILY PRACTICE  
2 23 PHYSICIAN LOAN FORGIVENESS. There is appropriated from the  
2 24 general fund of the state to the college student aid  
2 25 commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and  
2 26 ending June 30, 2010, the following amount, or so much thereof  
2 27 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

2 28 For family practice physician loan forgiveness under the  
2 29 health care professionals loan forgiveness program pursuant to  
2 30 section 261.23, as amended by this Act:

2 31 ..... \$ 75,000

2 32 EXPLANATION

2 33 This bill renames the registered nurse and nurse educator  
2 34 loan forgiveness program as the health professionals loan  
2 35 forgiveness program and expands the program to include family  
3 1 practice physicians who practice in medically underserved  
3 2 communities having a population of less than 15,000. The bill  
3 3 also appropriates \$75,000 for fiscal year 2009=2010 from the  
3 4 general fund of the state to the college student aid  
3 5 commission to provide funding for family practice physician  
3 6 loan forgiveness.

3 7 The annual amount of family practice physician loan  
3 8 forgiveness shall not exceed the resident tuition rate  
3 9 established for regents universities for the first year  
3 10 following the family practice physician's successful  
3 11 completion of a residency program, or 20 percent of the family  
3 12 practice physician's total federally guaranteed Stafford loan  
3 13 amount under the federal family education loan program or the  
3 14 federal direct loan program, including principal and interest,  
3 15 whichever amount is less. A family practice physician shall  
3 16 be eligible for the loan forgiveness program for not more than  
3 17 five consecutive years.

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