

Senate File 2251 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2251
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3079)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to specialty areas, service commitment area
2 distance requirements, and practice-related requirements
3 under the rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.113, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 *d.* Within nine months of graduating from the residency
4 program and receiving a permanent license in accordance with
5 paragraph “b”, engage in the full-time practice of medicine
6 and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery specializing
7 in family medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, internal medicine,
8 obstetrics and gynecology, or general surgery for a period of
9 five consecutive years in the service commitment area specified
10 under [subsection 6](#), unless the loan repayment recipient
11 receives a waiver from the commission to complete the years
12 of practice required under the agreement in another service
13 commitment area pursuant to [subsection 6](#).

14 Sec. 2. Section 261.113, subsection 8, Code 2020, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 8. *Part-time practice — agreement amended.* A person who
17 entered into an agreement pursuant to [subsection 3](#) may apply
18 to the commission to amend the agreement to allow the person
19 to engage in less than the full-time practice specified in
20 the agreement and under [subsection 3](#), paragraph “d”. ~~If the~~
21 ~~commission determines exceptional circumstances exist, the~~ The
22 commission and the person may consent to amend the agreement
23 under which the person shall engage in less than full-time
24 practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine
25 and surgery specializing in family medicine, pediatrics,
26 psychiatry, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, or
27 general surgery in a service commitment area for an extended
28 period of part-time practice determined by the commission to
29 be proportional to the amount of full-time practice remaining
30 under the original agreement. For purposes of this subsection,
31 “less than the full-time practice” means at least seventy
32 percent of a forty-hour workweek.

33 Sec. 3. Section 261.113, subsection 11, paragraph c, Code
34 2020, is amended to read as follows:

35 *c.* “*Service commitment area*” means a city in Iowa with a

S.F. 2251

1 The bill modifies the definition of "service commitment
2 area" to include a city within a designated federal mental
3 health shortage area that provides a \$20,000 contribution
4 for deposit in the rural Iowa primary care trust fund for a
5 physician specializing in psychiatry, and to require that the
6 distance between a city with a population of less than 26,000
7 that is located 20 miles from a city of at least 50,000 be
8 calculated using the shortest driving distance between the
9 cities.