

House Study Bill 92 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MEYER)

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 2021, 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 8](#), 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 8](#).

14 Sec. 2. Section 261.113, subsection 10, Code 2021, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 10. *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 13, paragraph c, Code
34 2021, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 ~~population of less than twenty-six thousand that is located~~
2 ~~more than twenty miles from a city with a population of fifty~~
3 ~~thousand or more and which~~ that provides a twenty thousand
4 dollar contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa primary
5 care trust fund for each physician in the community who is
6 participating in the loan repayment program and which meets any
7 of the following conditions:

8 (1) Is a city within a federal mental health shortage
9 area, as designated by the health resources and services
10 administration of the United States department of health and
11 human services, if the physician participating in the loan
12 repayment program specializes in psychiatry.

13 (2) Is a city in Iowa with a population of less than
14 twenty-six thousand that is located more than twenty miles from
15 a city with a population of fifty thousand. The commission
16 shall determine the distance between cities by calculating the
17 most direct driving route.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill modifies the requirements for the rural Iowa
22 primary care loan repayment program.

23 The bill adds obstetrics and gynecology as an area of
24 specialization that qualifies for loan repayment under the
25 program.

26 Currently, a person can engage in less than full-time
27 practice under the program if the person applies to the college
28 student aid commission to amend their program agreement and the
29 commission determines that exceptional circumstances exist.
30 The bill eliminates the language relating to exceptional
31 circumstances, thereby allowing the commission and the person
32 to consent to amend the agreement to allow the person to engage
33 in less than full-time practice for an extended period of
34 part-time practice. Under the bill, "less than full-time"
35 means at least 70 percent of a 40-hour workweek.

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.