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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a dentist recruitment program and revolving
2 fund and making an appropriation.

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

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APPROPRIATIONS

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

7 For the dentist recruiting program established pursuant to
8 section 261.23A:

9 \$ 250,000

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.23A DENTIST RECRUITMENT PROGRAM
11 -- REVOLVING FUND.

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

26 2. a. The university of Iowa college of dentistry shall
27 provide recommendations to the commission for students who
28 meet the eligibility requirements of the forgivable loan
29 program under this subsection. A forgivable loan may be
30 awarded to a resident of Iowa who meets both of the following
31 conditions:

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

34 (2) Agrees to practice dentistry in an area in this state
35 underserved by dentists for a period of time to be determined

1 by the commission at the time the loan is awarded.

2 b. The loan shall be for a term set by the commission.
3 Interest on the loan shall begin to accrue the day following
4 the date on which the student graduates from the university,
5 or on the date the student graduates from a residency program,
6 whichever date is later. If the student completes the period
7 of practice in the underserved area established by the
8 commission and agreed to by the student, the loan amount shall
9 be forgiven. Neither the loan amount nor the interest on the
10 loan amount shall be forgiven if the dentist fails to complete
11 the required time period of practice in the underserved area
12 of this state.

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

31 4. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
32 17A to administer this section.

33 5. A dentist recruitment revolving fund is created in the
34 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
35 commission. The commission shall deposit payments made by

1 dentist recruitment program recipients and the proceeds from
2 the sale of loans made pursuant to subsection 2 into the
3 dentist recruitment revolving fund. Moneys credited to the
4 fund shall be used to supplement moneys appropriated for the
5 dentist recruitment program, for loan forgiveness to eligible
6 dentists, and to pay for loan or interest repayment defaults
7 by eligible dentists. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any
8 balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not
9 revert to the general fund of the state. Notwithstanding
10 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
11 the dentist recruitment revolving fund shall be credited to
12 the fund.

13 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

1 the loan is awarded.

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

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

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