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AMENDMENT No. 2 PROPOSED TO

Committee Sub. for HB NO. 729

By Representative(s) Scott(80)

31 Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
32 in lieu thereof the following:

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34 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section
35 37-143-6, Mississippi Code of 1972:

36 37-143-6. (1) There is established a medical education
37 scholarship program, which shall be administered by the Board of
38 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. The program
39 shall provide a certain number of eligible applicants each year
40 with a full scholarship to obtain a medical education at the
41 University of Mississippi School of Medicine at no cost to the
42 recipient, if the recipient meets the conditions upon which the
43 scholarship is granted.

44 (2) The program shall provide scholarships to up to twenty
45 (20) new recipients each year, and the program shall be funded
46 from monies appropriated from the Health Care Expendable Fund
47 established under Section 43-13-407 and from any other funds
48 appropriated to or otherwise made available to the board of
49 trustees for that purpose. The amounts that may be expended
50 annually for scholarships under the program shall not exceed the
51 following: Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in fiscal
52 year 2001; One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in fiscal year
53 2002; One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in fiscal year

54 2003; and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in fiscal year 2004
55 and in any later fiscal year.

56 (3) The scholarship shall be in an amount that will pay the
57 full cost of attendance, as defined by federal law and regulation,
58 at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine for the entire
59 time necessary for the recipient to complete the requirements for
60 a medical degree. The actual amount of the scholarship shall be
61 determined by the Office of Financial Aid of the University of
62 Mississippi Medical Center but shall not exceed Twenty Five
63 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year for any recipient.

64 (4) Before being granted a scholarship, each applicant shall
65 enter into a contract with the board of trustees, which shall be
66 deemed a contract with the State of Mississippi, agreeing to the
67 terms and conditions upon which the scholarship will be granted.
68 In order to receive a scholarship under the program, the recipient
69 must agree in the contract to practice family medicine for a
70 period of not less than ten (10) years after completion of his or
71 her residency in an area of the state that is a critical needs
72 area for primary medical care at the time of the recipient's entry
73 into medical practice. The determination and designation of the
74 areas of the state that are critical needs areas for primary
75 medical care shall be made by a committee to be known as the
76 Medical Care Critical Needs Committee, which shall be composed of
77 the following persons: the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of
78 the University of Mississippi Medical Center, who shall be
79 chairman of the committee; the Executive Director of the State
80 Department of Health; the Executive Director of the Division of
81 Medicaid; the President of the Mississippi State Medical
82 Association or his designee; the President of the Mississippi
83 State Hospital Association or his designee; and the Director of
84 the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association or his designee.
85 The committee shall meet at least once annually to determine and
86 designate the areas of the state that are critical needs areas for
87 primary medical care in which scholarship recipients may practice
88 family medicine in order to fulfill their contractual obligation.

89 In designating those critical needs areas, the committee shall
90 consider, but shall not be limited to, areas that are:

91 (a) A Group 1 degree-of-shortage health professional
92 shortage area for primary medical care, as designated by the
93 United States Department of Health and Human Services;

94 (b) Classified as a rural area by the United States
95 Census Bureau; and

96 (c) Located more than fifty (50) miles from any
97 standard metropolitan statistical area, as defined and established
98 by the United States Census Bureau, and from any incorporated
99 municipality having a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000)
100 or more, according to the most recent federal decennial census.

101 (5) If a scholarship recipient leaves the University of
102 Mississippi School of Medicine before graduation, or leaves his or
103 her residency before completion, or fails to practice family
104 medicine for a period of ten (10) years in a critical needs area
105 for primary medical care as designated by the Medical Care
106 Critical Needs Committee under subsection (4) of this section, the
107 full amount that the recipient received under the scholarship
108 shall be due and payable within ninety (90) days, together with
109 interest. The amount of interest due shall be equal to the annual
110 rate of return on the Health Care Trust Fund established under
111 Section 43-13-405 for each year from the time the recipient
112 received the scholarship money until the time the scholarship
113 money is repaid. The board of trustees may bring suit against any
114 scholarship recipient to recover the amount due to the state under
115 this section for the recipient's failure to comply with the
116 conditions upon which the scholarship was granted, as provided in
117 this section and in the contract between the recipient and the
118 board of trustees. The board of trustees is authorized to
119 postpone or forgive the repayment of all or part of the amount
120 that a recipient received under the scholarship and the interest
121 that would otherwise be due under this subsection if the
122 recipient's failure to comply with the conditions upon which the
123 scholarship was granted was due to circumstances beyond the

124 recipient's control that caused the recipient to be physically
125 unable to comply with those conditions, such as suffering a severe
126 illness, injury or other disabling condition.

127 (6) The board of trustees shall establish such rules and
128 regulations as it deems necessary and proper to carry out the
129 purposes and intent of this section.

130 SECTION 2. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions
131 of Higher Learning shall prescribe rules and regulations which,
132 subject to available appropriations, provide for reimbursement to
133 licensed physicians who practice family medicine in a critical
134 needs area for primary medical care as designated by the Medical
135 Care Critical Needs Committee under subsection (4) of Section
136 37-143-6, for the expenses of moving when the employment
137 necessitates the relocation of the physician or his family to a
138 different geographical area than that in which the physician
139 resides. If the reimbursement is approved, the board of trustees
140 shall provide funds to reimburse the physician an amount not to
141 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the documented actual
142 expenses incurred in the course of relocating, including the
143 expense of any professional moving company or persons employed to
144 assist with the move, rented moving vehicles or equipment, mileage
145 in the amount authorized for state employees under Section 25-3-41
146 if the physician used his personal vehicle for the move, meals and
147 such other expenses associated with the relocation in accordance
148 with the established rules and regulations.

149 (2) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
150 Learning shall prescribe rules and regulations which, subject to
151 available appropriations, provide for reimbursement to licensed
152 physicians who practice family medicine in a critical needs area
153 for primary medical care as designated by the Medical Care
154 Critical Needs Committee under subsection (4) of Section 37-143-6,
155 for the direct expenses associated with starting a full-time
156 medical practice, including the cost of building, lease payments,
157 equipment purchases, furniture, medical supplies and medical
158 malpractice insurance associated with a family practice. If the

159 reimbursement is approved, the board of trustees shall provide
160 funds to reimburse the physician an amount not to exceed Twenty
161 Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) over a two-year period for the
162 documented actual expenses incurred in starting the physician's
163 practice.

164 (3) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
165 Learning shall prescribe rules and regulations which, subject to
166 available appropriations, provide for income subsidies for
167 licensed physicians who practice family medicine full time in a
168 critical needs area for primary medical care as designated by the
169 Medical Care Critical Needs Committee under subsection (4) of
170 Section 37-143-6, to recognize the reduced earning capacity
171 associated with practicing in a rural area. If the income subsidy
172 is approved, the board of trustees shall provide funds to
173 compensate the physician in an amount not to exceed Twenty
174 Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) annually for two (2) years.

175 SECTION 3. (1) Any licensed physician who practices family
176 medicine full time in any critical needs area for primary medical
177 care as designated by the Medical Care Critical Needs Committee
178 under subsection (4) of Section 37-143-6 shall be allowed a credit
179 against the taxes imposed by this chapter in an amount equal to
180 fifty percent (50%) of the physician's income tax liability that
181 results from income derived from his or her practice in any such
182 critical needs area. The credit shall be allowed for a maximum of
183 ten (10) years for all family medicine practice in any such
184 critical needs areas in which the physician practices during his
185 or her career.

186 (2) Subsection 1 of this section shall be codified as a new
187 section in Article 1, Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of
188 1972.

189 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
190 and after July 1, 2000, except that Section 3 of this act shall
191 take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2000.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-143-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO
3 PROVIDE UP TO 20 NEW RECIPIENTS EACH YEAR WITH A FULL SCHOLARSHIP
4 TO OBTAIN A MEDICAL EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
5 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT NO COST; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL
6 BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
7 HIGHER LEARNING; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM
8 MONIES APPROPRIATED FROM THE HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE FUND; TO
9 PROVIDE THAT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST AGREE TO PRACTICE FAMILY
10 MEDICINE FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS IN AN AREA OF THE STATE THAT IS A
11 CRITICAL NEEDS AREA FOR PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE; TO ESTABLISH A
12 COMMITTEE THAT WILL ANNUALLY DETERMINE AND DESIGNATE THE CRITICAL
13 NEEDS AREAS IN WHICH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MAY PRACTICE IN ORDER
14 TO FULFILL THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A
15 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT LEAVES MEDICAL SCHOOL OR HIS OR HER
16 RESIDENCY BEFORE COMPLETION OR LEAVES PRACTICING FAMILY MEDICINE
17 IN A CRITICAL NEEDS AREA BEFORE THE END OF TEN YEARS, THE FULL
18 AMOUNT THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVED UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE
19 DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90 DAYS, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST; TO PROVIDE
20 FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR PHYSICIANS TO
21 MOVE AND PRACTICE FAMILY MEDICINE IN AN CRITICAL NEEDS AREA; TO
22 PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF START-UP EXPENSES AND MEDICAL
23 MALPRACTICE INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR PHYSICIANS WHO PRACTICE FAMILY
24 MEDICINE IN AN CRITICAL NEEDS AREA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF
25 ANNUAL INCOME SUBSIDIES FOR PHYSICIANS WHO PRACTICE FAMILY
26 MEDICINE FULL TIME IN A CRITICAL NEEDS AREA; TO PROVIDE A CREDIT
27 AGAINST STATE INCOME TAXES FOR PHYSICIANS WHO PRACTICE FAMILY
28 MEDICINE FULL TIME IN A CRITICAL NEEDS AREA; AND FOR RELATED
29 PURPOSES.