

SB0057



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/20/2023, by Sen. Laura Fine

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 996/25
110 ILCS 996/30

Amends the Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Act. Provides that up to a \$2,500 grant awarded may also be awarded to a certified alcohol and other drug counselor, and a certified recovery support specialist. Provides that an applicant may also work for at least 12 consecutive months for an organization that provides community based substance abuse disorder treatment or mental health services in an underserved or rural federally designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area in this State.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Community Behavioral Health Care
5 Professional Loan Repayment Program Act is amended by changing
6 Sections 25 and 30 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 996/25)

8 Sec. 25. Award; maximum loan time; maximum amount. Subject
9 to appropriation, the Commission shall award a grant to each
10 qualified applicant for a maximum of 4 years. The Commission
11 must encourage the recipient of a grant awarded under this Act
12 to use the grant award for payments towards the recipient's
13 educational loans. The amount of the grant shall not exceed
14 (i) \$35,000 per year for a psychiatrist, (ii) \$15,000 per year
15 for an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician
16 assistant, (iii) \$12,000 per year for a psychologist who holds
17 a doctoral degree, (iv) \$6,500 per year for a licensed
18 clinical social worker or a licensed clinical professional
19 counselor, and (v) \$2,500 per year for a substance use
20 professional, a certified alcohol and other drug counselor,
21 and a certified recovery support specialist.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-862, eff. 1-1-19.)

1 (110 ILCS 996/30)

2 Sec. 30. Eligibility; work requirement.

3 (a) To be eligible for assistance under the Community
4 Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program,
5 the Commission must find that the applicant satisfies all of
6 the following:

7 (1) He or she is a United States citizen or an eligible
8 noncitizen.

9 (2) He or she is a resident of this State.

10 (3) He or she has worked for at least 12 consecutive
11 months: ~~as a behavioral health professional in a community~~
12 ~~mental health center in an underserved or rural federally~~
13 ~~designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area in~~
14 ~~this State.~~

15 (i) as a behavioral health professional in a
16 community mental health center in an underserved or
17 rural federally designated Mental Health Professional
18 Shortage Area in this State; or

19 (ii) for an organization that provides community
20 based substance abuse disorder treatment or mental
21 health services in an underserved or rural federally
22 designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area in
23 this State.

24 (4) He or she is a borrower with an outstanding
25 balance due on an educational loan.

26 (5) He or she has not defaulted on an educational

1 loan.

2 (b) The Commission may grant preference to a previous
3 recipient of a grant under the Program, provided that the
4 recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements under
5 this Section.

6 (c) A recipient of a grant under the Program must complete
7 a separate 12-month period working in a community mental
8 health center in an underserved or rural federally designated
9 Mental Health Professional Shortage Area in this State for
10 each grant that he or she is awarded.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-862, eff. 1-1-19.)