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Introduced by Senators Marleau, Ananich, Moolenaar, Pappageorge, Kahn, Brandenburg, Hildenbrand, Hansen, Green, Bieda, Booher, Proos and Colbeck

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 649

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending sections 2707 and 2723 (MCL 333.2707 and 333.2723), as added by 1990 PA 16.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 2707. (1) The department shall administer a grant program for minority students enrolled in medical schools, dental schools, nursing programs, or physician's assistant programs. Only minority students who meet the financial resources eligibility standards for federal student loan programs under title IV of the higher education act of 1965, Public Law 89-329, are eligible to receive a grant under this section.

(2) The department may award a grant to a minority student enrolled in a medical school who is training to become a designated physician, to a minority student enrolled in a dental school who is training to become a dentist, or to a minority student enrolled in a nursing program or physician's assistant program. As a condition for the award of the grant, the recipient of the grant shall enter into a written contract with the department that requires the recipient to provide, upon completion of training, full-time health care services in a health resource shortage area to which he or she is assigned by the department for a period equal to the number of years for which a grant is accepted. In awarding grants, the department shall give priority to students who are residents of this state and enrolled in a medical school, dental school, nursing program, or physician's assistant program in this state.

(3) The department shall determine an appropriate grant amount for each academic year for each health care profession.

(4) An individual who incurs a service obligation under subsection (2) and who completes the training program for which the grant was awarded but fails to fulfill the service obligation shall repay to the department an amount equal to 2 times the amount of all grants the individual accepted under this section plus interest. The interest shall be at a rate

determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in the Detroit consumer price index. An individual who incurs a service obligation under subsection (2) and who fails to complete the training program for which the grant was awarded shall repay to the department an amount equal to the actual amount of all grants the individual accepted under this section. Repayment to the department under this subsection shall be made within 3 years after the repayment obligation is incurred. Amounts repaid under this subsection shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the minority health profession grant fund created in section 2721.

(5) An obligated individual shall be considered to have fulfilled the service obligation incurred under subsection (2) if any of the following occur:

(a) Service has been rendered for the obligated period.

(b) The obligated individual dies.

(c) The obligated individual is unable, by reason of permanent disability, to render the service.

(d) The obligated individual fails to satisfy the academic requirements for completion of the training program in which he or she is enrolled after having made a good faith effort.

(e) The obligated individual fails to satisfy the requirements for licensure, certification, or other form of authorization to practice the profession for which he or she has been trained.

(f) Other circumstances occur that are considered by the department to constitute a compelling reason to consider the service obligation fulfilled.

(6) The department may accept funds for the operation of the grant program from any source and distribute those funds in a manner consistent with this section.

(7) As used in this section, "Detroit consumer price index" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for the Detroit area from the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.

Sec. 2723. (1) The department may promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of the department's functions under this part.

(2) The department shall report biennially to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department of community health, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the governor, the state health planning council, and the public health advisory council on the status of the Michigan essential health provider recruitment strategy for the preceding 2 years. In addition to the status report, the report shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(a) Review of state and federal legislation, rules, guidelines, and policy directives affecting the health personnel of health resource shortage areas.

(b) Recommendations concerning physician specialty areas or other health professions for inclusion in the Michigan essential health provider recruitment strategy based upon a determination of the need for various types of health care providers in this state.

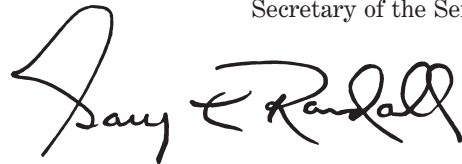
(c) An assessment of whether the amount of debt or expense repayment an individual may receive under section 2705(3) is sufficient to facilitate the placement and retention of designated professionals in health resource shortage areas, or whether that maximum amount should be adjusted to reflect changes in tuition costs for students enrolled in medical schools, dental schools, nursing programs, or physician's assistant programs.

(d) An analysis of the return on investment and effectiveness of the grant program under section 2707 and the essential health provider repayment program under section 2705.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor