

HOUSE BILL No. 1552

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-44-6-5.

Synopsis: Mental health services loan forgiveness program. Provides that the purpose of the mental health and addiction services loan forgiveness program is to increase the availability of mental health services (including addiction health services) in underserved shortage areas in Indiana and to increase the number of professional mental health care providers (including addiction health care professionals) in health professional shortage areas in Indiana by assisting professionals working in designated mental health care occupations to pay off loans incurred in the training needed to practice in Indiana. Appropriates \$500,000 for both the 2015 and 2016 state fiscal years to the mental health and addiction services loan forgiveness account.

Effective: January 1, 2015 (retroactive); July 1, 2015.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-44-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2014,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2015 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5. The purpose of the
4 board is to do the following:
5 (1) To establish and oversee a loan forgiveness program designed
6 to ~~attract~~ **increase the availability of mental health services**
7 **(including addiction health services) in underserved shortage**
8 **areas in Indiana, as determined by the board, and to increase**
9 **the number of professional mental health care providers**
10 **(including addiction health care professionals) in health**
11 **professional shortage areas in Indiana, as determined by the**
12 **board, by assisting professionals in the following occupational**
13 **categories to pay off loans incurred in the training needed to**
14 **practice in Indiana:**
15 (A) Psychiatrists, including psychiatrists pursuing fellowship



- 1 training and certification in addiction psychiatry.
 2 (B) Psychologists.
 3 (C) Psychiatric nurses.
 4 (D) Addiction counselors. ~~and~~
 5 (E) Mental health professionals.
 6 to provide services to individuals with mental illness and
 7 addictive disorders in behavioral health and addiction treatment
 8 settings in Indiana by assisting the individuals listed in this
 9 section to pay off loans incurred in the training needed to practice
 10 psychiatry and psychology and as a psychiatric nurse; an
 11 addiction counselor; or a mental health professional in Indiana.
 12 (2) To establish and oversee an integrated behavioral health and
 13 addiction treatment development program to attract and train
 14 psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, addiction
 15 counselors, or mental health professionals who will engage in the
 16 practice of integrated behavioral health and addiction treatment
 17 in:
 18 (A) state mental health institutions;
 19 (B) community mental health centers;
 20 (C) state funded addiction treatment centers; or
 21 (D) other behavioral health and addiction treatment settings
 22 determined by the board to be mental health and addiction
 23 dual diagnoses treatment settings.
 24 (3) To develop and oversee an integrated behavioral health and
 25 addiction treatment training track program through the Indiana
 26 University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry
 27 residency training program. The training track program must
 28 provide an opportunity for residents to work in mental health and
 29 addiction dual diagnoses treatment settings, including:
 30 (A) state psychiatric hospitals;
 31 (B) community mental health centers;
 32 (C) state funded addiction treatment centers; or
 33 (D) other behavioral health and addiction treatment settings
 34 determined by the board to be mental health and addiction
 35 dual diagnoses treatment settings.
 36 (4) To develop standards for participation in the training track
 37 program that include:
 38 (A) guidelines for the amounts of grants and other assistance
 39 a participant receives;
 40 (B) guidelines for the type of training in integrated behavioral
 41 health and addiction treatment the participant receives;
 42 (C) guidelines for agreements with mental health hospitals,



1 community mental health centers, and other entities
2 participating in the training track program; and

3 (D) other guidelines and standards necessary for governing the
4 training track program.

5 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) **The following**
6 **definitions apply throughout this SECTION:**

7 (1) "Account" refers to the mental health and addiction
8 services loan forgiveness account established under
9 IC 21-44-6-7.

10 (2) "Division of mental health and addition" refers to the
11 division of mental health and addiction established under
12 IC 12-21.

13 (b) There is appropriated to the division of mental health and
14 addiction five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the state
15 general fund for credit to the account for its use in carrying out the
16 purposes of IC 21-44-6-7 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1,
17 2015.

18 (c) There is appropriated to the division of mental health and
19 addiction five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the state
20 general fund for credit to the account for its use in carrying out the
21 purposes of IC 21-44-6-7 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1,
22 2016.

23 (d) This section expires July 1, 2017.

24 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

