



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 260

LCO No. 949



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

SEN. GORDON, 35th Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM AND A TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK IN A RURAL OR OTHER UNDERSERVED AREA OR IN A FIELD WITH A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish (1) a loan
2 forgiveness program that forgives up to fifty thousand dollars of
3 graduate school loans for health care professionals who (A) are not
4 participating in another state or federal loan forgiveness or loan
5 reimbursement program, (B) obtain and maintain licensure as a health
6 care professional by the Department of Public Health, and (C) agree to
7 work in the state for a minimum of four years of full-time work or a
8 minimum of eight years of part-time work as a health care professional
9 in a rural or other underserved area or in a health care field with a
10 workforce shortage, and (2) a tuition payment program for students
11 enrolled in a medical school or nursing school of an amount up to the
12 cost of tuition at the medical school or nursing school, provided such
13 students (A) are not participating in another state or federal loan

14 forgiveness or loan reimbursement program, and (B) agree to work in
15 the state for a minimum of four years of full-time work or a minimum
16 of eight years of part-time work as a physician or nurse in a rural or
17 other underserved area or in a health care field with a workforce
18 shortage.

Statement of Purpose:

To address the shortage of health care professionals in the state.