



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Proposed Bill No. 704**

LCO No. 1603



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 HEALTH CARE  
PROFESSIONALS.**

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 graduate degree or graduate certificate program in a health
- 12 care related field of an amount up to the cost of tuition for such program,
- 13 provided such students (A) are not participating in another state or
- 14 federal loan forgiveness or loan reimbursement program, and (B) agree
- 15 to work in the state for a minimum of four years of full-time work or a

16 minimum of eight years of part-time work as a health care professional  
17 in a rural or other underserved area or in a health care field with a  
18 workforce shortage.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To address the shortage of health care professionals in rural and underserved areas in the state.