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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to forensic laboratories;
3 requiring the Board of Regents and the State
4 Board of Community Colleges to establish a loan
5 forgiveness program for eligible students who
6 commit to work in an approved state or federal
7 forensic laboratory after graduation; requiring
8 that the Board of Regents and the State Board
9 of Community Colleges consult with the
10 Department of Law Enforcement in establishing
11 criteria for participation by students and
12 educational institutions in the loan
13 forgiveness program; providing an effective
14 date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Student loan forgiveness program for
19 forensic laboratory personnel.--

20 (1) The Board of Regents and the State Board of
21 Community Colleges shall establish a loan forgiveness program
22 within the State Community College System and the State
23 University System for the purpose of encouraging students to
24 become qualified for employment in forensic laboratories where
25 critical shortages exist. A student who qualifies for the loan
26 forgiveness program shall receive repayments for loans
27 received from federal programs or commercial lending
28 institutions. Loan repayments shall be made for any eligible
29 student who commits to work in an approved state or federal
30 forensic laboratory after graduation.

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