

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Quality
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Burton offered the following:

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Amendment

Remove lines 50-73 and insert:

repayment program to benefit Florida-licensed dentists who demonstrate, as required by department rule, active employment in a public health program that serves Medicaid recipients and other low-income patients and is located in a dental health professional shortage area or a medically underserved area.

(3) The department shall award funds from the loan program to repay the student loans of a dentist who meets the requirements of subsection (2).

(a) An award may not exceed \$50,000 per year per eligible dentist.

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17 (b) Only loans to pay the costs of tuition, books, dental
18 equipment and supplies, uniforms, and living expenses shall be
19 covered.

20 (c) All repayments shall be contingent upon continued
21 proof of eligibility and shall be made directly to the holder of
22 the loan. The state shall bear no responsibility for the
23 collection of any interest charges or other remaining balance.

24 (d) A dentist is eligible to receive funds under the loan
25 program for at least 1 year, up to a maximum of 5 years.

26 (e) The department shall limit the number of new dentists
27 participating in the loan program to no more than 10 per fiscal
28 year.

29 (4) A dentist is no longer eligible to receive funds under
30 the loan program if the dentist:

31 (a) Is no longer employed by a public health program that
32 meets the requirements of subsection (2).

33 (b) Ceases to participate in the Florida Medicaid program.

34 (c) Has disciplinary action taken against his or her
35 license by the Board of Dentistry for a violation of s. 466.028.
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