

1-1 By: Price (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 2100
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023;
 1-3 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 13, Nays 0; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to eligibility requirements for student loan repayment
 1-24 assistance for certain mental health professionals.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 61.603, Education Code, is amended to
 1-27 read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 61.603. ELIGIBILITY. (a) Except as provided by
 1-29 Subsection (b), to [Te] be eligible to receive repayment assistance
 1-30 under this subchapter, a mental health professional must:

- 1-31 (1) apply to the board;
- 1-32 (2) have completed one, two, three, four, or five
 1-33 consecutive years of practice in a mental health professional
 1-34 shortage area designated by the Department of State Health
 1-35 Services; and

1-36 (3) provide mental health services in this state to:
 1-37 (A) recipients under the medical assistance
 1-38 program authorized by Chapter 32, Human Resources Code;

1-39 (B) enrollees under the child health plan program
 1-40 authorized by Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code; or

1-41 (C) persons committed to a secure correctional
 1-42 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Juvenile
 1-43 Justice Department or persons confined in a secure correctional
 1-44 facility operated by or under contract with any division of the
 1-45 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

1-46 (b) A mental health professional may also establish
 1-47 eligibility for the repayment assistance under this subchapter by
 1-48 satisfying the requirements of this subsection. To establish
 1-49 eligibility under this subsection, the mental health professional
 1-50 must:

- 1-51 (1) apply to the board;
- 1-52 (2) provide mental health services to:
 1-53 (A) patients in a state hospital, as defined by
 1-54 Section 552.0011, Health and Safety Code; or
 1-55 (B) individuals receiving community-based mental
 1-56 health services from a local mental health authority that provides
 1-57 the services in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 534, Health
 1-58 and Safety Code; and

1-59 (3) have completed one, two, three, four, or five
 1-60 consecutive years of practice in this state as described by
 1-61 Subdivision (2).

