

1-1 By: Hardcastle, Christian (Senate Sponsor - Madla) H.B. No. 1420
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2003;
1-3 April 28, 2003, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Higher Education; May 22, 2003, reported to Committee on
1-5 Education; May 23, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable
1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
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1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1420 By: Janek

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the use of a portion of medical school tuition for
1-12 student loan repayment assistance for physicians.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 61.539, Education Code, is amended to
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 61.539. MEDICAL SCHOOL TUITION SET ASIDE FOR CERTAIN
1-17 LOAN REPAYMENTS. (a) The governing boards of each medical unit of
1-18 an institution of higher education shall cause to be set aside two
1-19 percent of tuition charges for each student [~~resident students~~]
1-20 registered in a medical branch, school, or college.

1-21 (b) The amount set aside shall be transferred to the
1-22 comptroller of public accounts to be maintained in the state
1-23 treasury for the sole purpose of repayment of student loans of a
1-24 physician [~~physicians~~] serving in a designated state agency
1-25 [~~agencies~~] or in an area of this state that is economically
1-26 depressed or that is a [~~rural~~] medically underserved area or health
1-27 professional shortage area, [~~areas of the state~~] as designated by
1-28 the United States Department of Health and Human Services, that has
1-29 a current shortage of physicians [~~specified by this subchapter~~].
1-30 Section [~~Sections 403.094(h) and~~] 403.095, Government Code, does
1-31 [~~it~~] not apply to the amount set aside by this section.

1-32 (c) As soon as practicable after each state fiscal year, the
1-33 comptroller shall prepare a report for that fiscal year of the
1-34 number of students registered in a medical branch, school, or
1-35 college, the total amount of tuition charges collected by each
1-36 institution, the total amount transferred to the treasury under
1-37 this section, and the total amount available under Subsection (b)
1-38 for the repayment of student loans of physicians under this
1-39 subchapter. The comptroller shall deliver a copy of the report to
1-40 the board and to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of
1-41 the house of representatives not later than January 1 following the
1-42 end of the fiscal year covered by the report.

1-43 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
1-44 beginning with tuition fees charged to students registered in a
1-45 medical branch, school, or college for the 2003-2004 academic year.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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