

1-1 By: Price, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3083
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2017;
 1-3 May 15, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 21, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14			X	
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3083 By: Watson

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to repayment of certain mental health professional
 1-20 education loans.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 61.601, Education Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 61.601. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "mental
 1-25 health professional" means:

1-26 (1) a licensed physician who is:

1-27 (A) a graduate of an accredited psychiatric
 1-28 residency training program; or

1-29 (B) certified in psychiatry by:

1-30 (i) the American Board of Psychiatry and
 1-31 Neurology; or

1-32 (ii) the American Osteopathic Board of
 1-33 Neurology and Psychiatry;

1-34 (2) a psychologist, as defined by Section 501.002,
 1-35 Occupations Code;

1-36 (3) a licensed professional counselor, as defined by
 1-37 Section 503.002, Occupations Code;

1-38 (4) an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined
 1-39 by Section 301.152, Occupations Code, who holds a nationally
 1-40 recognized board certification in psychiatric or mental health
 1-41 nursing; ~~and~~

1-42 (5) a licensed clinical social worker, as defined by
 1-43 Section 505.002, Occupations Code; and

1-44 (6) a chemical dependency counselor, as defined by
 1-45 Section 504.001, Occupations Code.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 61.604, Education Code, is amended by
 1-47 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-48 (d) If in a state fiscal year not all funds available for
 1-49 purposes of the program are used, the board may allocate any unused
 1-50 funds to award repayment assistance grants to mental health
 1-51 professionals in any of the professions listed in Section 61.601.
 1-52 The limitations prescribed by Subsections (b) and (c) do not apply
 1-53 to grants awarded under this subsection.

1-54 SECTION 3. Section 61.607(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-55 read as follows:

1-56 (b) The total amount of repayment assistance received by a
 1-57 mental health professional under this subchapter may not exceed:

1-58 (1) \$160,000, for assistance from the state received
 1-59 by a licensed physician;

1-60 (2) \$80,000, for assistance from the state received

2-1 by:

2-2 (A) a psychologist;

2-3 (B) a licensed clinical social worker, if the

2-4 social worker has received a doctoral degree related to social

2-5 work; or

2-6 (C) a licensed professional counselor, if the

2-7 counselor has received a doctoral degree related to counseling;

2-8 (3) \$60,000, for assistance from the state received by

2-9 an advanced practice registered nurse; ~~and~~

2-10 (4) \$40,000, for assistance from the state received by

2-11 a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed professional

2-12 counselor who is not described by Subdivision (2); and

2-13 (5) \$10,000, for assistance from the state received by

2-14 a licensed chemical dependency counselor, if the chemical

2-15 dependency counselor has received an associate degree related to

2-16 chemical dependency counseling or behavioral science.

2-17 SECTION 4. Section 61.608, Education Code, is amended by

2-18 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2-19 (c) The board shall adopt rules establishing a process for

2-20 allocating any unused funds under the program in accordance with

2-21 Section 61.604(d).

2-22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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