

1-1 By: Clardy (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 3808
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Seliger	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt		X		
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Menéndez	X			
1-12 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-13 Watson	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain mental
 1-18 health professionals.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 61.601, Education Code, is amended to
 1-21 read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 61.601. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "mental
 1-23 health professional" means:

1-24 (1) a licensed physician who is:

1-25 (A) a graduate of an accredited psychiatric
 1-26 residency training program; or

1-27 (B) certified in psychiatry by:

1-28 (i) the American Board of Psychiatry and
 1-29 Neurology; or

1-30 (ii) the American Osteopathic Board of
 1-31 Neurology and Psychiatry;

1-32 (2) a psychologist, as defined by Section 501.002,
 1-33 Occupations Code;

1-34 (3) a licensed professional counselor, as defined by
 1-35 Section 503.002, Occupations Code;

1-36 (4) an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined
 1-37 by Section 301.152, Occupations Code, who holds a nationally
 1-38 recognized board certification in psychiatric or mental health
 1-39 nursing; ~~and~~

1-40 (5) a licensed clinical social worker, as defined by
 1-41 Section 505.002, Occupations Code; and

1-42 (6) a licensed marriage and family therapist, as
 1-43 defined by Section 502.002, Occupations Code.

1-44 SECTION 2. Section 61.607(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-45 read as follows:

1-46 (b) The total amount of repayment assistance received by a
 1-47 mental health professional under this subchapter may not exceed:

1-48 (1) \$160,000, for assistance received by a licensed
 1-49 physician;

1-50 (2) \$80,000, for assistance received by:

1-51 (A) a psychologist;

1-52 (B) a licensed clinical social worker, if the
 1-53 social worker has received a doctoral degree related to social
 1-54 work; ~~or~~

1-55 (C) a licensed professional counselor, if the
 1-56 counselor has received a doctoral degree related to counseling; or

1-57 (D) a licensed marriage and family therapist, if
 1-58 the marriage and family therapist has received a doctoral degree
 1-59 related to marriage and family therapy;

1-60 (3) \$60,000, for assistance received by an advanced
 1-61 practice registered nurse; and

2-1 (4) \$40,000, for assistance received by a licensed
2-2 clinical social worker, a licensed marriage and family therapist,
2-3 or a licensed professional counselor who is not described by
2-4 Subdivision (2).

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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