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S.B. No. 998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the physician education loan repayment program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 61.538(a) and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A physician may receive repayment assistance under this subchapter in the amount determined by board rule, not to exceed the following amounts for each year for which the physician establishes eligibility for the assistance:

(1) for the first year, \$30,000 [~~\$25,000~~];

(2) for the second year, \$40,000 [~~\$35,000~~];

(3) for the third year, \$50,000 [~~\$45,000~~]; and

(4) for the fourth year, \$60,000 [~~\$55,000~~].

(c) The total amount of repayment assistance made under this subchapter to an individual physician may not exceed \$180,000 [~~\$160,000~~].

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 61.538, Education Code, applies only to a person who first establishes eligibility for loan repayment assistance under Subchapter J, Chapter 61, Education Code, as amended by this Act, on the basis of an application submitted on or after September 1, 2019. A person who first establishes eligibility on the basis of an application submitted before September 1, 2019, is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the

1 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.