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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5466

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5466 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Community Behavioral Health Care
5 Professional Loan Repayment Program Act is amended by changing
6 Sections 10 and 30 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 996/10)

8 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

9 "Behavioral health professional" means a professional
10 engaged in the delivery of behavioral health, mental health,
11 or substance use disorder treatment or services.

12 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance
13 Commission.

14 "Physician" means a person licensed by this State to
15 practice medicine in all its branches and includes any person
16 holding a temporary license, as provided in the Medical

1 Practice Act of 1987.

2 "Program" means the Community Behavioral Health Care
3 Professional Loan Repayment Program.

4 "Psychiatrist" or "licensed psychiatrist" means a
5 physician who has successfully completed a residency program
6 in psychiatry accredited by either the Accreditation Council
7 for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic
8 Association.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-862, eff. 1-1-19.)

10 (110 ILCS 996/30)

11 Sec. 30. Eligibility; work requirement.

12 (a) To be eligible for assistance under the Community
13 Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program,
14 the Commission must find that the applicant satisfies all of
15 the following:

16 (1) He or she is a United States citizen or an eligible
17 noncitizen.

18 (2) He or she is a resident of this State.

19 (3) At the time of application, he ~~He~~ or she is
20 currently working, and has worked for at least 12
21 consecutive months, as a behavioral health professional in
22 a community mental health center, behavioral health
23 clinic, substance use treatment center, or State-operated
24 psychiatric hospital licensed or certified by the
25 Department of Human Services or the Department of

1 Healthcare and Family Services in an underserved or rural
2 federally designated Mental Health Professional Shortage
3 Area in this State.

4 (4) He or she is a borrower with an outstanding
5 balance due on an educational loan.

6 (5) He or she has not defaulted on an educational
7 loan.

8 (b) The Commission may grant preference to a previous
9 recipient of a grant under the Program, provided that the
10 recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements under
11 this Section.

12 (c) A recipient of a grant under the Program must complete
13 a separate 12-month period working in a community mental
14 health center in an underserved or rural federally designated
15 Mental Health Professional Shortage Area in this State
16 following his or her initial application for this grant. An
17 applicant seeking a renewal award in a subsequent year must be
18 employed by the same employer identified under paragraph (3)
19 of subsection (a) at the time of initial application and must
20 provide evidence of continuous employment with that employer
21 for the 12 months that precede the application for renewal ~~for~~
22 ~~each grant that he or she is awarded.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 103-56, eff. 7-1-24.)

24 Section 10. The Human Services Professional Loan Repayment
25 Program Act is amended by changing Sections 10, 25, and 30 as

1 follows:

2 (110 ILCS 997/10)

3 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

4 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance
5 Commission.

6 "Human services agency" means a nonprofit, community-based
7 organization that has contracted or contracts with a State
8 agency or has received or receives grant funding or other
9 funding from a State agency to ensure that individuals have
10 the essential elements to build and maintain physical,
11 emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of life and
12 that primarily operates for the purposes of providing direct
13 or indirect services to support an individual's physical,
14 emotional, and economic well-being in areas that include, but
15 are not limited to, the following:

16 (1) child care and early education;

17 (2) community-integrated living arrangements;

18 (3) domestic violence prevention and recovery;

19 (4) foster care;

20 (5) health care and wellness;

21 (6) homeless and supportive housing;

22 (7) immigrant support;

23 (8) intellectual or developmental disability services;

24 (9) mobile crisis response;

25 (10) services for older adults;

- 1 (11) workforce development;
2 (12) youth services; or
3 (13) mental health, behavioral health, or substance
4 use services.

5 "Human services agency" does not include the following
6 entities:

- 7 (A) colleges or universities;
8 (B) units of local government;
9 (C) correctional centers or county jails;
10 (D) non-safety-net hospitals;
11 (E) State or municipal law enforcement agencies; and
12 (F) public or private preschools, elementary schools,
13 or secondary schools.

14 "Professional" means an individual employed by a human
15 services agency ~~that contracts with, receives funding from, or~~
16 ~~is grant funded by a State agency for the purposes of~~
17 ~~providing direct or indirect services that ensure that~~
18 ~~individuals have the essential elements to build and maintain~~
19 ~~physical, emotional, and economic well being at every phase of~~
20 ~~life.~~

21 "Program" means the Human Services Professional Loan
22 Repayment Program.

23 "Qualified program" means a program that offers an
24 associate, bachelor's, or master's degree from an accredited
25 college or university.

26 "State agency" means the Department of Human Services, the

1 Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of
2 Juvenile Justice, the Department on Aging, and the Department
3 of Public Health.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23; 103-31, eff. 7-1-23.)

5 (110 ILCS 997/25)

6 Sec. 25. Award; maximum amount. The Commission shall award
7 a grant to eligible applicants and may grant preference to
8 applicants based on need or income levels or a measure that
9 combines need and income levels. The recipient of a grant
10 awarded by the Commission under this Act must use the grant
11 award for payments toward the recipient's educational loans
12 from a qualified program. The amount of the grant shall not
13 exceed: (i) \$25,000 per year for a master's degree or higher;
14 (ii) \$15,000 per year for a bachelor's degree; (iii) \$3,000
15 per year for a professional with an associate degree; and (iv)
16 up to a \$5,000 per year add-on if independently licensed as a
17 licensed clinical social worker, a licensed clinical
18 professional counselor, a licensed practitioner of the healing
19 arts, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a
20 board-certified behavior analyst, or a registered behavior
21 technician. A recipient may receive an award through the
22 Program for a maximum of 4 years.

23 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23; 103-31, eff. 7-1-23.)

24 (110 ILCS 997/30)

1 Sec. 30. Eligibility; work requirement.

2 (a) To be eligible to receive a grant under the Human
3 Services Professional Loan Repayment Program, the Commission
4 must find that the eligible professional satisfies all of the
5 following:

6 (1) The applicant is a resident of the State of
7 Illinois.

8 (2) At the time of application, the ~~The~~ applicant is
9 currently working, and has worked full time ~~been a~~
10 ~~full-time employee~~ for at least 24 consecutive months, as
11 a human services professional, and the community-based
12 human services agency currently has or did have a contract
13 with, receives funding from, or is grant-funded by a State
14 agency for the purpose of providing human services during
15 the applicant's 24 consecutive month tenure.

16 (3) The applicant is a borrower with an outstanding
17 balance due on an educational loan.

18 (4) The applicant has not defaulted on an educational
19 loan.

20 (5) The applicant must remain a full-time employee
21 working as a human services professional in the same
22 community-based human services agency for at least 12
23 months following the initial application for ~~after~~
24 ~~receiving~~ this grant. An applicant seeking a renewal award
25 in a subsequent year must be employed by the same
26 community-based human services agency at the time of

1 initial application and must provide evidence of
2 continuous employment for the 12 months that precede the
3 application for renewal.

4 (b) The Commission may grant preference to a previous
5 recipient of a grant under the Program, provided that the
6 recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements under
7 this Section.

8 (c) The Commission may grant preference to applications
9 based on need or income levels or a measure that combines need
10 and income levels.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23; 103-31, eff. 7-1-23.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
13 2026.".