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CERTIFICATE

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Slatter, Jinkins, DeBolt, Macri, Frame, Robinson, Tharinger, Bergquist, Senn, Cody, Pollet, Young, Davis, Kloba, Ortiz-Self, Lekanoff, Steele, Harris, Ormsby, Stanford, Goodman, Doglio, Fey, Leavitt, Valdez, and Hudgins)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington health corps to
2 support health care professionals who provide service in underserved
3 communities; amending RCW 28B.115.010, 28B.115.020, 28B.115.030,
4 28B.115.040, 28B.115.050, 28B.115.070, 28B.115.080, 28B.115.090,
5 28B.115.100, 28B.115.110, and 28B.115.120; adding a new section to
6 chapter 28B.115 RCW; and creating a new section.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.115.010 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 716 are each
9 amended to read as follows:

10 The legislature finds that changes in demographics, the delivery
11 of health care services, and an escalation in the cost of educating
12 health professionals has resulted in shortages of health
13 professionals. A poor distribution of health care professionals has
14 resulted in a surplus of some professionals in some areas of the
15 state and a shortage of others in other parts of the state, such as
16 in the more rural areas and in behavioral health services. The high
17 cost of health professional education requires that health care
18 practitioners command higher incomes to repay the financial
19 obligations incurred to obtain the required training. Health
20 professional shortage areas are often areas that have troubled
21 economies and lower per capita incomes. These areas often require

1 more services because the health care needs are greater due to
2 poverty or because the areas are difficult to service due to
3 geographic circumstances. The salary potentials for shortage areas
4 are often not as favorable when compared to nonshortage areas and
5 practitioners are unable to serve. The legislature further finds that
6 encouraging health professionals to serve in shortage areas is
7 essential to assure continued access to health care for persons
8 living in these parts of the state.

9 The legislature also finds that one in five adults in the United
10 States experiences mental illness in any given year, but only forty-
11 one percent of adults with a mental health condition received mental
12 health services in 2016, according to the national institute of
13 mental health. The children's mental health work group found that in
14 2013, only forty percent of children on medicaid with mental health
15 treatment needs were receiving services. Individuals seeking
16 behavioral health services may have trouble receiving the help they
17 need from health care professionals because behavioral health
18 services are limited due to workforce shortages of behavioral health
19 providers. The legislature further finds that encouraging more health
20 care professionals to practice behavioral health in areas with
21 limited services would benefit the state by creating greater access
22 to behavioral health services and by having more health care
23 professionals experienced in providing behavioral health services.

24 Therefore, the legislature intends to establish the Washington
25 health corps to encourage more health care professionals to work in
26 underserved areas by providing loan repayment and conditional
27 scholarships in return for completing a service commitment.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.115.020 and 2013 c 19 s 46 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
31 this section apply throughout this chapter.

32 (1) "Credentialed health care profession" means a health care
33 profession regulated by a disciplining authority in the state of
34 Washington under RCW 18.130.040 or by the pharmacy quality assurance
35 commission under chapter 18.64 RCW and designated by the department
36 in RCW 28B.115.070 as a profession having shortages of credentialed
37 health care professionals in the state.

38 (2) "Credentialed health care professional" means a person
39 regulated by a disciplining authority in the state of Washington to

1 practice a health care profession under RCW 18.130.040 or by the
2 pharmacy quality assurance commission under chapter 18.64 RCW.

3 (3) "Department" means the state department of health.

4 (4) "Eligible education and training programs" means education
5 and training programs approved by the department that lead to
6 eligibility for a credential as a credentialed health care
7 professional.

8 (5) "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated with
9 the costs of acquiring an education such as tuition, books,
10 equipment, fees, room and board, and other expenses determined by the
11 office.

12 (6) "Eligible student" means a student who has been accepted into
13 an eligible education or training program and has a declared
14 intention to serve in a health professional shortage area upon
15 completion of the education or training program.

16 (7) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render
17 health care services in a health professional shortage area or an
18 underserved behavioral health area in the state of Washington in lieu
19 of monetary repayment.

20 (8) "Health professional shortage areas" means those areas where
21 credentialed health care professionals are in short supply as a
22 result of geographic maldistribution or as the result of a short
23 supply of credentialed health care professionals in specialty health
24 care areas and where vacancies exist in serious numbers that
25 jeopardize patient care and pose a threat to the public health and
26 safety. The department shall determine health professional shortage
27 areas as provided for in RCW 28B.115.070. In making health
28 professional shortage area designations in the state the department
29 may be guided by applicable federal standards for "health manpower
30 shortage areas," and "medically underserved areas," and "medically
31 underserved populations."

32 (9) "Loan repayment" means a loan that is paid in full or in part
33 if the participant renders health care services in a health
34 professional shortage area or an underserved behavioral health area
35 as defined by the department.

36 (10) "Nonshortage rural area" means a nonurban area of the state
37 of Washington that has not been designated as a rural physician
38 shortage area. The department shall identify the nonshortage rural
39 areas of the state.

40 (11) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

1 (12) "Participant" means a credentialed health care professional
2 who has received a loan repayment award and has commenced practice as
3 a credentialed health care provider in a designated health
4 professional shortage area or an underserved behavioral health area
5 or an eligible student who has received a scholarship under this
6 program.

7 ~~(13) ("Program" means the health professional loan repayment and~~
8 ~~scholarship program.~~

9 ~~(14))~~ "Required service obligation" means an obligation by the
10 participant to provide health care services in a health professional
11 shortage area or an underserved behavioral health area for a period
12 to be established as provided for in this chapter.

13 ~~((15))~~ (14) "Rural physician shortage area" means rural
14 geographic areas where primary care physicians are in short supply as
15 a result of geographic maldistributions and where their limited
16 numbers jeopardize patient care and pose a threat to public health
17 and safety. The department shall designate rural physician shortage
18 areas.

19 ~~((16))~~ (15) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

20 ~~((17))~~ (16) "Scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in whole
21 or in part if the recipient renders health care services in a health
22 professional shortage area or an underserved behavioral health area.

23 ~~((18))~~ (17) "Sponsoring community" means a rural hospital or
24 hospitals as authorized in chapter 70.41 RCW, a rural health care
25 facility or facilities as authorized in chapter 70.175 RCW, or a city
26 or county government or governments.

27 (18) "Underserved behavioral health area" means a geographic
28 area, population, or facility that has a shortage of health care
29 professionals providing behavioral health services, as determined by
30 the department.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.115.030 and 2013 c 298 s 1 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 The Washington health corps is the state's initiative to
34 encourage health care professionals to work in underserved
35 communities. In exchange for service, the health care professional
36 receives assistance with higher education, in the form of loan
37 repayment or a conditional scholarship. The Washington health corps
38 consists of the health professional loan repayment and scholarship
39 program and the behavioral health loan repayment program.

1 (1) The health professional loan repayment and scholarship
2 program is established for credentialed health professionals and
3 residents serving in health professional shortage areas.

4 (2) The behavioral health loan repayment program is established
5 for credentialed health professionals serving in underserved
6 behavioral health areas.

7 (3) The health professional loan repayment and scholarship and
8 the behavioral health loan repayment programs shall be administered
9 by the office. In administering ~~((this))~~the programs, the office
10 shall:

11 ~~((1))~~(a) (i) Select credentialed health care professionals and
12 residents to participate in the loan repayment portion ~~((of the loan
13 repayment and scholarship program and select eligible students to
14 participate))~~and in the scholarship portion of the health
15 professional loan repayment and scholarship program; and

16 (ii) Select credentialed health care participants to participate
17 in the behavioral health loan repayment program;

18 ~~((2))~~(b) Adopt rules and develop guidelines to administer the
19 programs;

20 ~~((3))~~(c) Collect and manage repayments from participants who do
21 not meet their service obligations under this chapter;

22 ~~((4))~~(d) Publicize the program, particularly to maximize
23 participation among individuals in shortage and underserved areas and
24 among populations expected to experience the greatest growth in the
25 workforce;

26 ~~((5))~~(e) Solicit and accept grants and donations from public
27 and private sources for the programs;

28 ~~((6))~~(f) Use a competitive procurement to contract with a fund-
29 raiser to solicit and accept grants and donations from private
30 sources for the programs. The fund-raiser shall be paid on a
31 contingency fee basis on a sliding scale but must not exceed fifteen
32 percent of the total amount raised for the programs each year. The
33 fund-raiser shall not be a registered state lobbyist; and

34 ~~((7))~~(g) Develop criteria for a contract for service in lieu of
35 the service obligation where appropriate, that may be a combination
36 of service and payment.

37 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.115.040 and 1991 c 332 s 17 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 The department may provide technical assistance to rural
2 communities desiring to become sponsoring communities for the
3 purposes of identification of prospective students for the health
4 professional loan repayment and scholarship program, assisting
5 prospective students to apply to an eligible education and training
6 program, making formal agreements with prospective students to
7 provide credentialed health care services in the community, forming
8 agreements between rural communities in a service area to share
9 credentialed health care professionals, and fulfilling any matching
10 requirements.

11 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.115.050 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 206 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

13 The office shall establish a planning committee to assist it in
14 developing criteria for the selection of participants for both the
15 health professional loan repayment and scholarship program and the
16 behavioral health loan repayment program. The office shall include on
17 the planning committee representatives of the department, the
18 department of social and health services, appropriate representatives
19 from health care facilities, provider groups, consumers, the state
20 board for community and technical colleges, the superintendent of
21 public instruction, institutions of higher education, representatives
22 from the behavioral health and public health fields, and other
23 appropriate public and private agencies and organizations. The
24 criteria may require that some of the participants meet the
25 definition of "needy student" under RCW 28B.92.030.

26 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.115.070 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 958 are each
27 amended to read as follows:

28 ~~((1))~~ After June 1, 1992, the department, in consultation with
29 the office and the department of social and health services, shall:

30 ~~((a))~~ (1) Determine eligible credentialed health care
31 professions for the purposes of the health professional loan
32 repayment and scholarship program and the behavioral health loan
33 repayment program authorized by this chapter. Eligibility shall be
34 based upon an assessment that determines that there is a shortage or
35 insufficient availability of a credentialed profession so as to
36 jeopardize patient care and pose a threat to the public health and
37 safety. The department shall consider the relative degree of
38 shortages among professions when determining eligibility. The

1 department may add or remove professions from eligibility based upon
2 the determination that a profession is no longer in shortage. Should
3 a profession no longer be eligible, participants or eligible students
4 who have received scholarships shall be eligible to continue to
5 receive scholarships or loan repayments until they are no longer
6 eligible or until their service obligation has been completed;

7 ~~((b))~~ (2) Determine health professional shortage areas for each
8 of the eligible credentialed health care professions; and

9 (3) Determine underserved behavioral health areas for each of the
10 eligible credentialed health care professions.

11 ~~((2) For the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, consideration for~~
12 ~~eligibility shall also be given to registered nursing students who~~
13 ~~have been accepted into an eligible nursing education program and~~
14 ~~have declared an intention to teach nursing upon completion of the~~
15 ~~nursing education program.))~~

16 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.115.080 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 208 are each
17 amended to read as follows:

18 After June 1, 1992, the office, in consultation with the
19 department and the department of social and health services, shall:

20 (1) Establish the annual award amount for each credentialed
21 health care profession which shall be based upon an assessment of
22 reasonable annual eligible expenses involved in training and
23 education for each credentialed health care profession for both the
24 health professional loan repayment and scholarship program and the
25 behavioral health loan repayment program. The annual award amount may
26 be established at a level less than annual eligible expenses. The
27 annual award amount shall be established by the office for each
28 eligible health profession. The awards shall not be paid for more
29 than a maximum of five years per individual;

30 (2) Determine any scholarship awards for prospective physicians
31 in such a manner to require the recipients declare an interest in
32 serving in rural areas of the state of Washington. Preference for
33 scholarships shall be given to students who reside in a rural
34 physician shortage area or a nonshortage rural area of the state
35 prior to admission to the eligible education and training program in
36 medicine. Highest preference shall be given to students seeking
37 admission who are recommended by sponsoring communities and who
38 declare the intent of serving as a physician in a rural area. The
39 office may require the sponsoring community located in a nonshortage

1 rural area to financially contribute to the eligible expenses of a
2 medical student if the student will serve in the nonshortage rural
3 area;

4 (3) Establish the required service obligation for each
5 credentialed health care profession, which shall be no less than
6 three years or no more than five years, for the health professional
7 loan repayment and scholarship program and the behavioral health loan
8 repayment program. The required service obligation may be based upon
9 the amount of the scholarship or loan repayment award such that
10 higher awards involve longer service obligations on behalf of the
11 participant;

12 (4) Determine eligible education and training programs for
13 purposes of the scholarship portion of the health professional loan
14 repayment and scholarship program;

15 (5) Honor loan repayment and scholarship contract terms
16 negotiated between the office and participants prior to May 21, 1991,
17 concerning loan repayment and scholarship award amounts and service
18 obligations authorized under chapter 28B.115(~~(, 28B.104,)~~) or 70.180
19 RCW.

20 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.115.090 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 209 are each
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (1) The office may grant loan repayment and scholarship awards to
23 eligible participants from the funds appropriated (~~for this~~
24 ~~purpose))~~ to the health professional loan repayment and scholarship
25 program, or from any private or public funds given to the office for
26 this purpose. The office may grant loan repayment to eligible
27 participants from the funds appropriated to the behavioral health
28 loan repayment program or from any private or public funds given to
29 the office for this purpose. Participants are ineligible to receive
30 loan repayment under the health professional loan repayment and
31 scholarship program or the behavioral health loan repayment program
32 if they have received a scholarship from programs authorized under
33 this chapter or chapter 70.180 RCW or are ineligible to receive a
34 scholarship if they have received loan repayment authorized under
35 this chapter or chapter 28B.115 RCW.

36 (2) Funds appropriated for the health professional loan repayment
37 and scholarship program, including reasonable administrative costs,
38 may be used by the office for the purposes of loan repayments or
39 scholarships. The office shall annually establish the total amount of

1 funding to be awarded for loan repayments and scholarships and such
2 allocations shall be established based upon the best utilization of
3 funding for that year.

4 (3) One portion of the funding appropriated for the health
5 professional loan repayment and scholarship program shall be used by
6 the office as a recruitment incentive for communities participating
7 in the community-based recruitment and retention program as
8 authorized by chapter 70.185 RCW; one portion of the funding shall be
9 used by the office as a recruitment incentive for recruitment
10 activities in state-operated institutions, county public health
11 departments and districts, county human service agencies, federal and
12 state contracted community health clinics, and other health care
13 facilities, such as rural hospitals that have been identified by the
14 department, as providing substantial amounts of charity care or
15 publicly subsidized health care; one portion of the funding shall be
16 used by the office for all other awards. The office shall determine
17 the amount of total funding to be distributed between the three
18 portions.

19 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.115.100 and 1991 c 332 s 23 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 In providing health care services the participant shall not
22 discriminate against a person on the basis of the person's ability to
23 pay for such services or because payment for the health care services
24 provided to such persons will be made under the insurance program
25 established under part A or B of Title XVIII of the federal social
26 security act or under a state plan for medical assistance including
27 Title XIX of the federal social security act or under the state
28 medical assistance program authorized by chapter 74.09 RCW and agrees
29 to accept assignment under section 18.42(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the federal
30 social security act for all services for which payment may be made
31 under part B of Title XVIII of the federal social security act and
32 enters into an appropriate agreement with the department of social
33 and health services for medical assistance under Title XIX of the
34 federal social security act to provide services to individuals
35 entitled to medical assistance under the plan and enters into
36 appropriate agreements with the department of social and health
37 services for medical care services under chapter 74.09 RCW.
38 Participants found by the (~~board~~)office or the department in

1 violation of this section shall be declared ineligible for receiving
2 assistance under the programs authorized by this chapter.

3 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.115.110 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 210 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Participants in the Washington health (~~((professional loan~~
6 ~~repayment and scholarship program))~~corps who are awarded loan
7 repayments shall receive payment (~~((from the program))~~) for the purpose
8 of repaying educational loans secured while attending a program of
9 health professional training which led to a credential as a
10 credentialed health professional in the state of Washington.

11 (1) Participants shall agree to meet the required service
12 obligation (~~((in a designated health professional shortage area))~~).

13 (2) Repayment shall be limited to eligible educational and living
14 expenses as determined by the office and shall include principal and
15 interest.

16 (3) Loans from both government and private sources may be repaid
17 by the program. Participants shall agree to allow the office access
18 to loan records and to acquire information from lenders necessary to
19 verify eligibility and to determine payments. Loans may not be
20 renegotiated with lenders to accelerate repayment.

21 (4) Repayment of loans established pursuant to (~~(this~~
22 ~~program))~~the Washington health corps shall begin no later than ninety
23 days after the individual has become a participant. Payments shall be
24 made quarterly, or more frequently if deemed appropriate by the
25 office, to the participant until the loan is repaid or the
26 participant becomes ineligible due to discontinued service in a
27 health professional shortage area or an underserved behavioral health
28 area after the required service obligation when eligibility
29 discontinues, whichever comes first.

30 (5) Should the participant discontinue service in a health
31 professional shortage area or an underserved behavioral health area,
32 payments against the loans of the participants shall cease to be
33 effective on the date that the participant discontinues service.

34 (6) Except for circumstances beyond their control, participants
35 who serve less than the required service obligation shall be
36 obligated to repay to the program an amount equal to (~~(twice))~~the
37 unsatisfied portion of the service obligation, or the total amount
38 paid by the program on their behalf, whichever is less. This amount
39 is due and payable immediately. Participants who are unable to pay

1 the full amount due shall enter into a payment arrangement with the
2 office, including an arrangement for payment of interest. The maximum
3 period for repayment is ten years. The office shall determine the
4 applicability of this subsection. The interest rate shall be
5 determined by the office and be established by rule.

6 (7) The office is responsible for the collection of payments made
7 on behalf of participants from the participants who discontinue
8 service before completion of the required service obligation. The
9 office shall exercise due diligence in such collection, maintaining
10 all necessary records to ensure that the maximum amount of payment
11 made on behalf of the participant is recovered. Collection under this
12 section shall be pursued using the full extent of the law, including
13 wage garnishment if necessary.

14 (8) The office shall not be held responsible for any outstanding
15 payments on principal and interest to any lenders once a
16 participant's eligibility expires.

17 (9) The office shall temporarily or, in special circumstances,
18 permanently defer the requirements of this section for eligible
19 students as defined in RCW 28B.10.017.

20 (10) The office shall establish an appeal process by rule.

21 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.115.120 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 211 are each
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Participants in the Washington health (~~(professional loan~~
24 ~~repayment and scholarship program)~~) corps who are awarded scholarships
25 incur an obligation to repay the scholarship, with penalty and
26 interest, unless they serve the required service obligation in a
27 health professional shortage area in the state of Washington.

28 (2) The interest rate shall be determined by the office and
29 established by rule. Participants who fail to complete the service
30 obligation shall incur an equalization fee based on the remaining
31 unforgiven balance. The equalization fee shall be added to the
32 remaining balance and repaid by the participant.

33 (3) The period for repayment shall coincide with the required
34 service obligation, with payments of principal and interest
35 commencing no later than six months from the date the participant
36 completes or discontinues the course of study or completes or
37 discontinues the required postgraduate training. Provisions for
38 deferral of payment shall be determined by the office.

1 (4) The entire principal and interest of each payment shall be
2 forgiven for each payment period in which the participant serves in a
3 health professional shortage area until the entire repayment
4 obligation is satisfied or the borrower ceases to so serve. Should
5 the participant cease to serve in a health professional shortage area
6 of this state before the participant's repayment obligation is
7 completed, payment of the unsatisfied portion of the principal and
8 interest is due and payable immediately.

9 ~~(5) ((In addition to the amount determined in subsection (4) of
10 this section, except for circumstances beyond their control,
11 participants who serve less than the required service obligation
12 shall be obliged to pay a penalty of an amount equal to twice the
13 unsatisfied portion of the principal.~~

14 ~~(6))~~ Participants who are unable to pay the full amount due
15 shall enter into a payment arrangement with the office for repayment
16 including interest. The office shall set the maximum period for
17 repayment ~~((is ten years))~~ by rule.

18 ~~((7))~~ (6) The office is responsible for collection of repayments
19 made under this section and shall exercise due diligence in such
20 collection, maintaining all necessary records to ensure that maximum
21 repayments are made. Collection and servicing of repayments under
22 this section shall be pursued using the full extent of the law,
23 including wage garnishment if necessary, and shall be performed by
24 entities approved for such servicing by the Washington student loan
25 guaranty association or its successor agency. The office is
26 responsible to forgive all or parts of such repayments under the
27 criteria established in this section and shall maintain all necessary
28 records of forgiven payments.

29 ~~((8))~~ (7) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or
30 any other subsidies to which the office as administrator is entitled,
31 which are paid by or on behalf of participants under this section,
32 shall be deposited with the office and shall be used to cover the
33 costs of granting the scholarships, maintaining necessary records,
34 and making collections under subsection ~~((7))~~ (6) of this section.
35 The office shall maintain accurate records of these costs, and all
36 receipts beyond those necessary to pay such costs shall be used to
37 grant scholarships to eligible students.

38 ~~((9))~~ (8) Sponsoring communities who financially contribute to
39 the eligible financial expenses of eligible medical students may
40 enter into agreements with the student to require repayment should

1 the student not serve the required service obligation in the
2 community as a primary care physician. The office may develop
3 criteria for the content of such agreements with respect to
4 reasonable provisions and obligations between communities and
5 eligible students.

6 ~~((10))~~(9) The office may make exceptions to the conditions for
7 participation and repayment obligations should circumstances beyond
8 the control of individual participants warrant such exceptions. The
9 office shall establish an appeal process by rule.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.115
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) Any funds appropriated by the legislature for the behavioral
13 health loan repayment program, or any other public or private funds
14 intended for loan repayments under this program, must be placed in
15 the account created by this section.

16 (2) The behavioral health loan repayment program account is
17 created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from the
18 program must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the
19 account may be used only for the behavioral health loan repayment
20 program. Only the office, or its designee, may authorize expenditures
21 from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures
22 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
23 expenditures.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** If specific funding for the purposes of
25 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
26 provided by June 30, 2019, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
27 act is null and void.

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