

[As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole]

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SENATE BILL No. 597

By Committee on Ways and Means

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12 AN ACT creating the dentistry bridging loan program; establishing terms
13 and conditions for loan agreements.

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15 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

16 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas dentistry bridg-
17 ing **[loan]** program at the ~~university of Kansas medical center~~ **Kansas**
18 **dental board** which shall be developed and implemented in order to
19 provide encouragement, opportunities and incentives for persons who
20 have successfully completed the degree of doctor of dental surgery or
21 doctor of dental medicine, from a dental school approved by the state
22 board of dentistry, to locate their dental practice in rural Kansas com-
23 munities upon completion of such education. The Kansas dentistry bridg-
24 ing loan program shall be administered by the ~~department of rural health~~
25 ~~education and services of the university of Kansas medical center~~ **Kansas**
26 **dental board**.

27 (b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, the ~~university of~~
28 ~~Kansas medical center~~ **Kansas dental board** may enter into dentistry
29 bridging loan agreements, in accordance with the provisions of this sec-
30 tion: (1) With anyone who has successfully completed the first year of
31 study of a degree of doctor of dental surgery or doctor of dental medicine
32 from a school of dentistry approved by the state board of dentistry; and
33 (2) who is currently enrolled in such program.

34 (c) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, each person en-
35 tering into a dentistry bridging loan agreement under this section shall
36 receive up to three payments of \$8,000 annually while enrolled in a school
37 of dentistry or dental residency program in accordance with the practice
38 commitment agreement.

39 (d) Each dentistry bridging loan agreement shall require that the per-
40 son receiving the loan:

41 (1) Engage in the full-time practice of dentistry in any county in Kan-
42 sas other than ~~Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee or Wyandotte~~ **But-**
43 **ler, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Reno, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick,**

1 ***Shawnee or Wyandotte*** for three years under a practice commitment
2 agreement;

3 (2) commence such full-time practice of dentistry within 90 days after
4 completing a dental residency program or receiving a license to practice
5 dentistry in this state; and

6 (3) upon failure to satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time
7 practice of dentistry in accordance with the provisions of the dental bridg-
8 ing loan agreement and this section, the person receiving the loan under
9 this section shall repay to the ~~university of Kansas medical center~~ ***Kansas***
10 ***dental board*** within 90 days of such failure, the amount equal to the
11 amount of money received by such person from the ~~university of Kansas~~
12 ~~medical center~~ ***Kansas dental board***, less credits earned, under such
13 agreement plus interest at the annual rate of 15% from the date such
14 money was received.

15 (e) An obligation to engage in the practice of dentistry in accordance
16 with the provisions of a dentistry bridging loan agreement and this section
17 shall be postponed during: (1) Any period of temporary medical disability
18 during which the person obligated is unable to practice dentistry because
19 of such medical disability; or (2) any other period of postponement agreed
20 to or determined in accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice
21 commitment agreement.

22 (f) An obligation to engage in the practice of dentistry in accordance
23 with the provisions of a dentistry bridging loan agreement and this section
24 shall be satisfied: (1) If the obligation to engage in the practice of dentistry
25 in accordance with such agreement has been completed; (2) if the person
26 obligated dies; or (3) if, because of permanent physical disability, the
27 person obligated is unable to practice dentistry.

28 (g) The ~~university of Kansas medical center~~ ***Kansas dental board***
29 may adopt additional provisions, requirements or conditions for partici-
30 pation in the Kansas dentistry bridging loan program as are practicable
31 and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the program or as may be
32 required for the implementation or administration of the program and,
33 in any case, as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section or
34 the provisions of appropriation acts.

35 (h) As used in this section, “practice commitment agreement” means
36 an agreement to commence the full-time practice of dentistry in a city
37 located in any county in Kansas other than ~~Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick,~~
38 ~~Shawnee or Wyandotte~~ ***Butler, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth,***
39 ***Reno, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee or Wyandotte*** county, which:
40 (1) Was entered in to by a person: (A) Who has successfully completed
41 the first year of study of a degree of doctor of dental surgery or doctor
42 of dental medicine from a school of dentistry approved by the state board
43 of dentistry; ***and*** (B) who is currently enrolled in such program; and (2)

1 provides benefits to such person that have an aggregate monetary value
2 equal to or greater than the aggregate amount of payments to such person
3 from the ~~university of Kansas medical center~~ **Kansas dental board** under
4 a dentistry bridging loan agreement under this section.

5 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.