

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Underserved Health Care Provider Workforce  
5 Act is amended by changing Sections 3.04, 3.07, 3.08, 3.09,  
6 3.10, 4.03, and 10 and by adding Section 3.12 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 935/3.04) (from Ch. 144, par. 1453.04)

8 Sec. 3.04. "Designated Shortage Area" means an area  
9 designated as ~~by the Director as a physician shortage area,~~ a  
10 medically underserved area~~,~~ or a health professional shortage  
11 area ~~critical health manpower shortage area~~ as defined by the  
12 United States Department of Health and Human Services,  
13 ~~Education and Welfare,~~ or as further defined by the Department  
14 to enable it to effectively fulfill the purpose stated in  
15 Section 2 of this Act. Such areas may include the following:

16 (a) an urban or rural area which is a rational area for  
17 the delivery of health services;

18 (b) a population group;

19 (c) a public or nonprofit private medical facility; or

20 (d) a government-owned, privately owned, independent,  
21 or provider-based Rural Health Clinic or hospital that  
22 accepts Medicaid, Medicare, the State's Children's Health  
23 Insurance Program, private insurance, and self-pay.

1 (Source: P.A. 102-888, eff. 5-17-22.)

2 (110 ILCS 935/3.07) (from Ch. 144, par. 1453.07)

3 Sec. 3.07. "Eligible ~~medical~~ student" means a person who  
4 meets all of the following qualifications:

5 (a) he or she is an Illinois resident at the time of  
6 application for a scholarship under the program  
7 established by this Act;

8 (b) he or she is studying medicine in a medical school  
9 located in Illinois, ~~or~~ studying chiropractic medicine in  
10 a chiropractic college or institution in Illinois, or  
11 studying optometry in an optometry college or institution  
12 located in Illinois;

13 (c) he or she exhibits financial need as determined by  
14 the Department; and

15 (d) he or she agrees to practice full-time in a  
16 Designated Shortage Area as a primary care physician,  
17 general surgeon, emergency medicine physician,  
18 obstetrician, optometrist, anesthesiologist,  
19 ophthalmologist, or chiropractic physician one year for  
20 each year he or she is a scholarship recipient.

21 (Source: P.A. 103-219, eff. 1-1-24.)

22 (110 ILCS 935/3.08) (from Ch. 144, par. 1453.08)

23 Sec. 3.08. "Medical facility" means a facility for the  
24 delivery of health services and includes a hospital, State

1 mental health institution, public health center, outpatient  
2 medical facility, rehabilitation facility, long term care  
3 facility, community mental health center, migrant health  
4 center, a community health center, rural health center,  
5 federally qualified health center, federally qualified health  
6 center look alike, optometric office, or a State correctional  
7 institution.

8 (Source: P.A. 80-478.)

9 (110 ILCS 935/3.09)

10 Sec. 3.09. Eligible health care provider. "Eligible health  
11 care provider" means a primary care physician, general  
12 surgeon, emergency medicine physician, obstetrician,  
13 chiropractic physician, optometrist, ophthalmologist,  
14 anesthesiologist, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
15 physician assistant who accepts Medicaid, Medicare, the  
16 State's Children's Health Insurance Program, private  
17 insurance, and self-pay.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-888, eff. 5-17-22; 103-219, eff. 1-1-24;  
19 103-507, eff. 1-1-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

20 (110 ILCS 935/3.10)

21 Sec. 3.10. Primary care physician. "Primary care  
22 physician" means a general internist, family medicine  
23 physician, obstetrician, gynecologist, ophthalmologist, or  
24 general pediatrician.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-118, eff. 7-22-19.)

2 (110 ILCS 935/3.12 new)

3 Sec. 3.12. Optometrist. "Optometrist" means a Doctor of  
4 Optometry licensed under the Illinois Optometric Practice Act  
5 of 1987.

6 (110 ILCS 935/4.03) (from Ch. 144, par. 1454.03)

7 Sec. 4.03. To establish a program of medical student  
8 scholarships and to award scholarships to eligible ~~medical~~  
9 students.

10 (Source: P.A. 80-478.)

11 (110 ILCS 935/10) (from Ch. 144, par. 1460)

12 Sec. 10. Scholarship and loan repayment recipients who  
13 fail to fulfill the obligation described in subsection (d) of  
14 Section 3.07 or Section 4.10 of this Act shall pay to the  
15 Department a sum equal to 3 times the amount of the annual  
16 scholarship or loan repayment grant for each year the  
17 recipient fails to fulfill such obligation. A scholarship or  
18 loan repayment recipient who fails to fulfill the obligation  
19 described in subsection (d) of Section 3.07 or Section 4.10  
20 shall have 30 days from the date on which that failure begins  
21 in which to enter into a contract with the Department that sets  
22 forth the manner in which that sum is required to be paid. If  
23 the contract is not entered into within that 30 day period or

1 if the contract is entered into but the required payments are  
2 not made in the amounts and at the times provided in the  
3 contract, the scholarship or loan payment recipient also shall  
4 be required to pay to the Department interest at the rate of 9%  
5 per annum on the amount of that sum remaining due and unpaid.  
6 The amounts paid to the Department under this Section shall be  
7 deposited into the fund where the payment originated ~~Community~~  
8 ~~Health Center Care Fund and shall be used by the Department to~~  
9 ~~improve access to primary health care services as authorized~~  
10 ~~by subsection (a) of Section 2310-200 of the Department of~~  
11 ~~Public Health Powers and Duties Law (20 ILCS 2310/2310-200).~~

12 The Department may transfer to the Illinois Finance  
13 Authority, into an account outside the State treasury, moneys  
14 in the Community Health Center Care Fund as needed, but not to  
15 exceed an amount established, by rule, by the Department to  
16 establish a reserve or credit enhancement escrow account to  
17 support a financing program or a loan or equipment leasing  
18 program to provide moneys to support the purposes of  
19 subsection (a) of Section 2310-200 of the Department of Public  
20 Health Powers and Duties Law (20 ILCS 2310/2310-200). The  
21 disposition of moneys at the conclusion of any financing  
22 program under this Section shall be determined by an  
23 interagency agreement.

24 (Source: P.A. 93-205, eff. 1-1-04.)

25 (110 ILCS 935/3.05 rep.)

1           Section 10. The Underserved Health Care Provider Workforce  
2 Act is amended by repealing Section 3.05.

3           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
4 1, 2026.