

SB1273



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 1/28/2025, by Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 996/25

Amends the Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Act. Adds a licensed occupational therapist and a licensed occupational therapy assistant to the list of health care professionals that may receive a grant of \$15,000 or less per year from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, subject to appropriation, for a maximum of 4 years.

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A BILL FOR

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 Community Behavioral Health Care
5 Professional Loan Repayment Program Act is amended by changing
6 Section 25 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 996/25)

8 Sec. 25. Award; maximum loan time; maximum amount. Subject
9 to appropriation, the Commission shall award a grant to each
10 qualified applicant for a maximum of 4 years. The Commission
11 must encourage the recipient of a grant awarded under this Act
12 to use the grant award for payments towards the recipient's
13 educational loans. The amount of the grant shall not exceed
14 (i) \$40,000 per year for a psychiatrist, (ii) \$20,000 per year
15 for an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician
16 assistant, (iii) \$20,000 per year for a psychologist who holds
17 a doctoral degree, (iv) \$15,000 per year for a licensed
18 clinical social worker, a licensed clinical professional
19 counselor, ~~or~~ a licensed marriage and family therapist, a
20 licensed occupational therapist, or a licensed occupational
21 therapy assistant, (v) \$4,000 per year for a substance use
22 professional, a certified alcohol and drug counselor, or a
23 certified recovery support specialist, (vi) \$12,000 per year

1 for a professional possessing a master's degree in counseling,
2 psychology, social work, or marriage and family therapy, and
3 (vii) \$6,000 per year for a professional possessing a
4 bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology, or social work.

5 No less than 30% of the funding for grants under this
6 Section each fiscal year shall be reserved for awards to
7 minority applicants of African American or Black, Hispanic or
8 Latinx, Asian, or Native American origin. If the Commission
9 does not receive enough applications from qualified minorities
10 on or before January 1 of a given fiscal year to award 30% of
11 the funding to qualified minority applicants, then the
12 Commission may award a portion of these reserved funds to
13 other qualified applicants.

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