

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 Sections 25 and 30 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 ~~\$35,000~~ per year for a psychiatrist, (ii) \$20,000  
15 ~~\$15,000~~ per year for an advanced practice registered nurse or  
16 a physician assistant, (iii) \$20,000 ~~\$12,000~~ per year for a  
17 psychologist who holds a doctoral degree, (iv) \$15,000 ~~\$6,500~~  
18 per year for a licensed clinical social worker, or a licensed  
19 clinical professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and  
20 family therapist, and (v) \$4,000 ~~\$2,500~~ per year for a  
21 substance use professional, a certified alcohol and drug  
22 counselor, or a certified recovery support specialist, (vi)  
23 \$12,000 per year for a professional possessing a master's

1 degree in counseling, psychology, social work, or marriage and  
2 family therapy, and (vii) \$6,000 per year for a professional  
3 possessing a bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology, or  
4 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. 100-862, eff. 1-1-19.)

15 (110 ILCS 996/30)

16 Sec. 30. Eligibility; work requirement.

17 (a) To be eligible for assistance under the Community  
18 Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program,  
19 the Commission must find that the applicant satisfies all of  
20 the following:

21 (1) He or she is a United States citizen or an eligible  
22 noncitizen.

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

24 (3) He or she has worked for at least 12 consecutive  
25 months as a behavioral health professional in a community

1           mental health center, behavioral health clinic, substance  
2           use treatment center, or State-operated psychiatric  
3           hospital licensed or certified by the Department of Human  
4           Services or the Department of Healthcare and Family  
5           Services in an underserved or rural federally designated  
6           Mental Health Professional Shortage Area in this State.

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

9           (5) He or she has not defaulted on an educational  
10          loan.

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

15          (c) A recipient of a grant under the Program must complete  
16          a separate 12-month period working in a community mental  
17          health center in an underserved or rural federally designated  
18          Mental Health Professional Shortage Area in this State for  
19          each grant that he or she is awarded.

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

21          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
22          2024.