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SB 2916 amends Section 37-143-6 to expand the Medical Education Scholarship Program to include a loan repayment program for family medicine physicians agreeing to serve at least eight years in a primary care critical needs shortage area.

SB 2916 also amends the section to limit funding for the Medical Education Scholarship Program to monies appropriated from the Health Care Expendable Fund by deleting current language “and from any other funds appropriated to or otherwise made available to the board of trustees for that purpose.”

The program will provide scholarships or loan repayments to up to 20 new recipients each year, with no more than 10 loan repayment recipients each year. The IHL Board of Trustees is to prioritize its awarding of loan repayments as follows:

1. UMMC graduates or graduates of a Mississippi three-year family medicine residency training program
2. Mississippi natives who have completed training in a certified family medicine residency program outside of Mississippi
3. Physicians who are practicing outside of Mississippi who received training at a medical school outside the state.

If a loan repayment recipient fails to serve the full eight years of practice in a critical needs area, the full amount with interest that he/she received is due in 90 days.

SB 2916 could attract practicing physicians with medical school loans to serve in Mississippi’s critical needs shortage areas.

SB 2916 is effective July 1, 2001.