

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Flanagin**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1491

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-81-701 TO CHANGE THE
9 POPULATION REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATION AS A RURAL
10 COMMUNITY FOR RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOANS AND
11 SCHOLARSHIPS; TO CHANGE ELIGIBILITY FOR SUCH LOANS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
16 STUDENT LOANS."

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-81-701 is amended to read as follows:

21 "6-81-701. Definitions. For purposes of this subchapter, unless the
22 context otherwise requires, a rural community is a community having a
23 population of no more than fifteen thousand (15,000) persons according to the
24 most recent federal census taken prior to the execution of the loan contract
25 or the most recent federal census taken prior to the time the recipient of the
26 loan or loans shall be required to practice full time in such rural community
27 as provided in § 6-81-708."

29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §6-81-708 is hereby amended by adding a new
30 subsection to read as follows:

31 "(f) In addition to those obligations and conditions set forth in (d)
32 above, each applicant to whom a loan or loans shall be granted shall execute a
33 written contract that the applicant will serve a proportionate amount of
34 Medicaid patients for the rural community during the period of repayment of
35 the loan and shall agree to work within the existing health care system."

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SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/P. Flanagan

