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2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative J. Miller**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1776

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE REPAYMENT OF
9 MEDICAL STUDENT LOANS FOR AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER
10 PHYSICIAN FACULTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE REPAYMENT OF
14 MEDICAL STUDENT LOANS FOR AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER
15 PHYSICIAN FACULTY."

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

19 SECTION 1. It is the purpose and intent of this act to establish a
20 program of financial assistance to encourage primary care physicians to accept
21 full-time faculty positions in a University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,
22 Area Health Education Center community or at the Department of Family and
23 Community Medicine within the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

25 SECTION 2. (a) Board eligible or board certified family physicians and
26 board eligible or board certified general pediatricians who join full-time
27 faculty at one of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Area Health
28 Education Center family practice residency program training sites or at the
29 Department of Family and Community Medicine within the University of Arkansas
30 for Medical Sciences shall be eligible to receive financial assistance under
31 this act.

32 (b) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may provide
33 financial assistance to eligible individuals for the repayment of medical
34 student loans or personal loans made to or on behalf of a medical student.
35 The amount of the financial assistance shall not exceed twelve thousand

1 dollars (\$12,000) per year for each year of service. An individual shall not
2 be eligible for assistance for more than four (4) years.

3 (c) If the loan is from the Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and
4 Scholarship Program, the financial assistance shall be paid directly to
5 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and credited to the repayment of
6 the loan.

7 (d) Financial assistance under this act shall be made by the University
8 of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The University of Arkansas for Medical
9 Sciences shall adopt reasonable regulations for the administration of this
10 act.

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

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

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

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/s/John E. Miller

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