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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1544

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
6 By: Senator B. Davis
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL
10 PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO
11 AMEND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE OSTEOPATHIC
12 RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP
13 BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE
18 OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
19 STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1803(a), concerning the composition of
25 the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (a)(1) There is established the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice
28 Student Loan and Scholarship Board ~~composed of~~ that shall consist of six (6)
29 members, which shall include:

30 (A) One (1) ~~representative of~~ member who shall be
31 appointed by the Governor after consultation with each medical school in
32 Arkansas that is not the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

33 (B) One (1) ~~representative of~~ member who shall be
34 appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Arkansas Osteopathic
35 Medical Association, who shall serve as vice chair;

36 (C) Two (2) physician members appointed by the Governor



1 after consultation with the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association, giving
2 preference to physicians who have received osteopathic rural medical practice
3 loans, community match loans, or income incentives; and

4 (D) Two (2) representatives appointed by the Governor
5 after consultation with the Arkansas Hospital Association, Inc.

6 (2) Members of the board shall:

7 (A) Serve a term of three (3) years; and

8 (B) Not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

9 (3) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section,
10 members of the board shall serve without compensation.

11 (4) Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner as provided
12 under subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section.

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14 /s/L. Johnson

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