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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2549

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS CHILD WELFARE STUDENT LOAN
FORGIVENESS PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 3 to House Bill No. 2549.

Amend House Bill No. 2549 as engrossed, H3/8/07 (version: 03-08-2007 09:13):

Page 1, line 9, delete "CHILD WELFARE" and substitute "SOCIAL WORK"

AND

Page 1, delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS
PROGRAM."

AND

Page 1, line 23, delete "CHILD WELFARE" and substitute "SOCIAL WORK"

AND

Page 1, line 27, delete "Child Welfare" and substitute "Social Work"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "Child Welfare" and substitute "Social Work"

AND

Page 1, line 35, delete "child welfare" and substitute "social work"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 3 through 6 and substitute the following:
"degree in social work;

(3) Provide opportunities for persons making mid-career
decisions to enter the social work profession; and

(4) Increase the opportunity for those in need of services
provided by social workers in this state to obtain appropriate services.



6-81-1603. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, "agreed eligible social work services provider" means a state agency or community-based entity that:

- (1) Provides social work services;
- (2) Is approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board as a social work services provider for purposes of this subchapter; and
- (3) The student participating in the loan forgiveness program under this subchapter has agreed to work for in the social work profession as provided in § 6-81-1604(a)."

AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "6-81-1603" and substitute "6-81-1604"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 13 through 17 and substitute the following:
"in social work;

- (2) Have declared an intent to work:
 - (A) In social work with an agreed eligible social work services provider; and
 - (B) For at least the number of years for which a forgivable loan is received;"

AND

Page 2, delete line 20 and substitute the following:
"4.0 scale for all undergraduate courses in social work."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 33 through 36 and substitute the following:
"(b) An undergraduate forgivable loan may be awarded for two (2) undergraduate years, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year.
(c) A graduate forgivable loan may be awarded for two (2) graduate years, not to exceed nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500) per year."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 5 and 6 and substitute the following:
"Work Education; and"

AND

Page 3, line 9, delete "(e) Arkansas" and substitute "(e) The Arkansas"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 14 through 25 and substitute the following:
"(2) Credit for repayment of an undergraduate or graduate forgivable loan shall be in an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars

(\$6,000) in loan principal plus applicable accrued interest for each full year of eligible service in the social work profession;

(3) Any forgivable loan recipient who fails to perform social work services under the employment of the agreed eligible social work services provider is responsible for repaying the loan plus accrued interest at eight percent (8%) annually; and

(4)(A) Forgivable loan recipients may receive loan repayment credit for social work services performed while under the employment of the agreed eligible social work services provider at any time during the scheduled repayment period."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative L. Smith
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