

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1544**

CONCERNING THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1544**

Amend House Bill No. 1544 as originally introduced:

Add Senator B. Davis as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 13, and substitute the following:  
"AMEND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE  
STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE  
OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE  
STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1803(a), concerning the composition  
of the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board,  
is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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



(C) Two (2) physician members appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association, giving preference to physicians who have received osteopathic rural medical practice loans, community match loans, or income incentives; and

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

(2) Members of the board shall:

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

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

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

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

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator B. Davis

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Secretary