

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 334

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5 By: Senator Steele  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT OUT-OF-STATE TUITION PAID  
10 BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS BE REPAID IF THE STUDENT  
11 DOES NOT RETURN TO THE STATE TO PRACTICE; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 90, Subchapter 1 is amended  
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 17-90-111. Loans to optometry students.

26 (a) The Department of Higher Education shall provide loan, from the  
27 Budget Stabilization Trust Fund, that is in excess of the Southern Regional  
28 Education Board grant funds, to any optometry student:

29 (1) Who is bona fide resident of the state,

30 (2) Who is enrolled in an optometry professional program outside  
31 the state; and

32 (3) For whom any part of the out-of-state tuition is paid by the  
33 State of Arkansas through the Southern Regional Education Board grant funds.

34 (b) A loan authorized by this section:

35 (1) Shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) annually.

36 (2) Shall be made:



1                   (A) On an annual basis not to exceed the combined total of  
2 four (4) years; and

3                   (B) At a rate of interest determined by the department,  
4 but not to exceed four percent (4%).

5                   (3) May be forgiven at the rate of one (1) year's loan for one  
6 (1) year's practice in Arkansas;

7                   (4) May be deferred, but for no longer than five (5) years, for  
8 the following reasons:

9                   (A) Military service;

10                   (B) Special training; or

11                   (C) Extraordinary circumstances as determined by the  
12 department; and

13                   (5) Shall be in addition to Southern Regional Education Board  
14 grant funds.

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