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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1550

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATION OF
9 THE ARKANSAS DOCTORATE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
10 LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
12 30, 2012; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS DOCTORATE OF
17 VETERINARY MEDICINE LOAN FORGIVENESS
18 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012
19 FISCAL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS FUND ACCOUNT - DOCTORATE OF
26 VETERINARY MEDICINE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated,
27 to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the Higher
28 Education Grants Fund Account, for payment of out-of-state tuition that
29 exceeds in-state rates for eligible Arkansas students attending out-of-state
30 schools' doctorate of veterinary medicine programs, as potentially forgivable
31 loans to students who practice five years in Arkansas, by the Department of
32 Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the sum of
33\$420,000.
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35 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT - DOCTORATE OF
36 VETERINARY MEDICINE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated,



1 to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the General
2 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for payment of out-
3 of-state tuition that exceeds in-state rates for eligible Arkansas students
4 attending out-of-state schools' doctorate of veterinary medicine programs, as
5 potentially forgivable loans to students who practice five years in Arkansas,
6 by the Department of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30,
7 2012, the sum of.....\$420,000.

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9 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DOCTORATE
11 OF VETERINARY MEDICINE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION. The Doctorate
12 of Veterinary Medicine Loan Forgiveness Program shall be administered by the
13 Arkansas Department of Higher Education in compliance with this Act and the
14 Administrative Procedures Act, ACA 25-15-201 et seq. Doctorate of Veterinary
15 Medicine Loan Forgiveness Program administrative expenditures may be expensed
16 from Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Loan Forgiveness Program funds and
17 appropriations in amounts not to exceed five percent (5%) of Doctorate of
18 Veterinary Medicine Loan Forgiveness Program expenditures.

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20 The Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Loan Forgiveness Program shall provide
21 potentially forgivable loans to eligible Arkansas students for tuition
22 expenses paid to out-of-state schools for the amount of tuition charged non-
23 resident students which is over the resident student tuition rate. Loans to
24 participants shall be forgiven for participants who practice veterinary
25 medicine for five (5) years in Arkansas following completion of the academic
26 program; loans shall be repaid with interest on a pro rata basis for less
27 than five (5) years practice in Arkansas; loans shall be wholly repaid with
28 interest for those participants who do not complete the academic program and
29 for those who do not practice in Arkansas. Funds received as loan repayments
30 shall be deposited into the same fund originally expensed from and shall
31 remain in that fund to be used for the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Loan
32 Forgiveness Program.

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34 The Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to enter into
35 contracts with out-of-state schools and accept students into the program to
36 implement the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Loan Forgiveness Program to

1 provide post-baccalaureate, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine training to
2 Arkansas students while that training is not, or an adequate number of slots
3 for that training are not, made available by Arkansas institutions of higher
4 education.

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6 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
7 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
8 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
9 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
10 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
11 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
12 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
13 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
14 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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16 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
17 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
18 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
19 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
20 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
21 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
22 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
23 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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25 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
27 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm
32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.

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