
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WASHINGTON, BAKER, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, FERLO AND
HUTCHINSON, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in medical education loan assistance,
6 further providing for loan guarantor program.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2212-A(b) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
11 October 30, 2001 (P.L.828, No.83), is amended and the section is
12 amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 2212-A. Loan guarantor program.

14 (a) Establishment of program.--The agency shall administer a
15 loan guarantor program on a Statewide basis. The agency shall
16 utilize funds in the Medical School Loan Account to encourage
17 eligible applicants to attend an accredited medical college or
18 an approved institution of higher learning.

19 (b) Loan Guarantor Program.--The Loan Guarantor Program

1 shall provide for the following:

2 (1) Life of loan servicing.

3 (2) Contracting for insurance with a guarantor, approved
4 by the agency, which offers a low-cost loan with competitive
5 interest rates and loan fees to eligible applicants.

6 (3) Predetermining the eligibility of applicants who
7 receive a loan from an offeror to attend an accredited
8 medical school or an approved institution of higher learning
9 that is insured by a guarantor.

10 (4) Evaluating the benefit package of a guarantor for
11 adequacy, accessibility and availability of funds necessary
12 to provide adequate loss prevention.

13 (5) Loan forgiveness.

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15 (j) Loan forgiveness.--A person who receives a loan under
16 this section shall receive loan forgiveness to attend medical
17 school, if all of the following requirements are met:

18 (1) The person is a graduate of a medical school located
19 in this Commonwealth.

20 (2) The person practices medicine in this Commonwealth
21 for a minimum of ten years. If the person practices medicine
22 in this Commonwealth for less than ten years the loan
23 forgiveness shall terminate the year preceding the person's
24 departure from this Commonwealth.

25 (3) The person volunteers at least 100 hours of service
26 in the health care field each year in which loan forgiveness
27 is requested.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, or
29 immediately, whichever is later.