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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **892** Session of  
2015

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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.

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15 (b) Loan Guarantor Program.--The Loan Guarantor Program  
16 shall provide for the following:

17 (1) Life of loan servicing.

18 (2) Contracting for insurance with a guarantor, approved  
19 by the agency, which offers a low-cost loan with competitive

1 interest rates and loan fees to eligible applicants.

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

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

9 (5) Loan forgiveness.

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11 (j) Loan forgiveness.--

12 (1) A person who receives a loan under this section  
13 shall receive loan forgiveness to attend medical school, if  
14 all of the following requirements are met:

15 (i) The person is enrolled in a residency program  
16 located in this Commonwealth.

17 (ii) The person volunteers at least 100 hours of  
18 service in the health care field each year in which loan  
19 forgiveness is requested.

20 (2) Loan forgiveness under this subsection shall be  
21 provided for in the following amounts:

22 (i) For year one, \$10,000.

23 (ii) For year two, \$20,000.

24 (iii) For year three, \$30,000.

25 (iv) For year four, \$40,000.

26 (v) For year five, \$50,000.

27 (vi) For year six, \$50,000.

28 (vii) For year seven, \$50,000.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, or  
30 immediately, whichever is later.