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AN ACT to amend and reenact §18C-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to health education student loan fund; and increasing the portion of a medical student loan that may be cancelled under certain circumstances.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §18C-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 3. HEALTH PROFESSIONALS STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS.

§18C-3-1. Health Education Loan Program; establishment; administration; eligibility and loan cancellation; required report.

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(a) For the purposes of this section, "Vice Chancellor for
 Administration" means the person employed pursuant to
 section two, article four, chapter eighteen-b of this code.

(b) There is continued a special revolving fund account
administered by the Commission in the state treasury to be
known as the Health Education Student Loan Fund which
shall be used to carry out the purposes of this section. The
fund consists of the following:

9 (1) All funds on deposit in the medical student loan fund 10 in the state treasury or which are due or become due for 11 deposit in the fund as obligations made under the previous 12 enactment of this section;

13 (2) Those funds provided for medical education pursuant
14 to the provisions of section four, article ten, chapter
15 eighteen-b of this code;

16 (3) Appropriations provided by the Legislature;

17 (4) Repayment of any loans made under this section;

(5) Amounts provided by medical associations, hospitals
or other medical provider organizations in this state, or by
political subdivisions of the state, under an agreement which
requires the recipient to practice his or her health profession
in this state or in the political subdivision providing the funds
for a predetermined period of time and in such capacity as set
forth in the agreement; and

25 (6) Other amounts which may be available from external26 sources.

(c) Balances remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscalyear do not expire or revert. All costs associated with

administering this section shall be paid from the HealthEducation Student Loan Fund.

(d) The Vice Chancellor for Administration may utilize
any funds in the Health Education Student Loan Fund for the
purposes of the Medical Student Loan Program. The
Commission shall give priority for the loans to residents of
this state, as defined by the Commission. An individual is
eligible for loan consideration if the individual meets the
following conditions:

- 38 (1) Demonstrates financial need;
- 39 (2) Meets established academic standards;

40 (3) Is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at the West
41 Virginia University School of Medicine, the Marshall
42 University School of Medicine, or the West Virginia School
43 of Osteopathic Medicine in a program leading to the degree
44 of medical doctor (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathy (D.O.);

45 (4) Has not yet received one of the degrees provided in46 subdivision (3) of this subsection; and

47 (5) Is not in default of any previous student loan.

48 (e) At the end of each fiscal year, any individual who has 49 received a medical student loan and who has rendered 50 services as a medical doctor or a doctor of osteopathy in this 51 state in a medically underserved area or in a medical specialty in which there is a shortage of physicians, as 52 53 determined by the Division of Health at the time the loan was granted, may submit to the Commission a notarized, sworn 54 55 statement of service on a form provided for that purpose. 56 Upon receipt of the statement the Commission shall cancel 57 ten thousand dollars of the outstanding loan or loans for

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58 every full twelve consecutive calendar months of such59 service.

60 (f) No later than thirty days following the end of each fiscal year, the Vice Chancellor for Administration shall 61 62 prepare and submit a report to the Commission for inclusion in the statewide report card required under section eight, 63 article one-d, chapter eighteen-b of this code to be submitted 64 65 to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability established under section eleven, article 66 67 three-a, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. At a minimum, the report shall include the following information: 68

- 69 (1) The number of loans awarded;
- 70 (2) The total amount of the loans awarded;
- 71 (3) The amount of any unexpended moneys in the fund;72 and
- 73 (4) The rate of default during the previous fiscal year on74 the repayment of previously awarded loans.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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