

House Bill 2816

Sponsored by Representative DEXTER; Representatives NOSSE, PRUSAK (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes BIPOC health care provider loan forgiveness program within Oregon Health Authority to provide loan repayment subsidies to BIPOC health care providers. Defines "BIPOC."
Establishes BIPOC Health Care Provider Fund to carry out provisions of program.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to health care provider incentives; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"BIPOC" means an individual who is Black, Indigenous or a Person of Color.**

6 (b) **"Health care provider" means:**

7 (A) **A clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530;**

8 (B) **A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679;**

9 (C) **A licensed professional counselor licensed under ORS 675.715;**

10 (D) **A nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390;**

11 (E) **A physician licensed under ORS chapter 677;**

12 (F) **A physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.705 to 677.525; or**

13 (G) **A psychologist licensed under ORS 675.010 to 675.150.**

14 (2) **There is established within the Oregon Health Authority a BIPOC health care pro-**
15 **vider loan forgiveness program for the purpose of providing loan repayment subsidies to**
16 **health care providers that meet the requirements of subsection (3) of this section.**

17 (3) **The program must provide loan repayment subsidies to a health care provider who:**

18 (a) **Is BIPOC; and**

19 (b) **Meets any other requirements established by the authority by rule.**

20 (4) **A health care provider who meets the requirements of subsection (3) of this section**
21 **and receives loan repayment subsidies under this section may also receive incentives through**
22 **the health care provider incentive program established under ORS 676.454.**

23 (5) **The authority may receive gifts, grants or contributions from any source, whether**
24 **public or private, to carry out the provisions of this section. Moneys received under this**
25 **subsection shall be deposited in the BIPOC Health Care Provider Fund established under**
26 **section 2 of this 2021 Act.**

27 (6) **The authority may adopt rules to carry out this section. In adopting rules under this**
28 **subsection, the authority may consult with the Mental Health Regulatory Agency, the**
29 **Oregon Board of Dentistry, the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and**
30 **Therapists, the Oregon Board of Psychology, the Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon State**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Board of Nursing and the State Board of Licensed Social Workers.**

2 **SECTION 2. The BIPOC Health Care Provider Fund is established in the State Treasury,**
3 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the BIPOC Health Care**
4 **Provider Fund shall be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys appropriated to the**
5 **fund by the Legislative Assembly and gifts, grants or other moneys contributed to the fund**
6 **by any source, whether public or private. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated**
7 **to the Oregon Health Authority to carry out section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

8 **SECTION 3. (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act become operative on January 1, 2022.**

9 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**
10 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and**
11 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
12 **and powers conferred on the authority by sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act.**

13 **SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
14 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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