

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

May 26, 2017
Date

Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on HB 3083 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

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On the part of the Senate

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Representative Raymond

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

H.B. No. 3083

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to repayment of certain mental health professional
3 education loans.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.601, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 61.601. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "mental
8 health professional" means:

9 (1) a licensed physician who is:

10 (A) a graduate of an accredited psychiatric
11 residency training program; or

12 (B) certified in psychiatry by:

13 (i) the American Board of Psychiatry and
14 Neurology; or

15 (ii) the American Osteopathic Board of
16 Neurology and Psychiatry;

17 (2) a psychologist, as defined by Section 501.002,
18 Occupations Code;

19 (3) a licensed professional counselor, as defined by
20 Section 503.002, Occupations Code;

21 (4) an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined
22 by Section 301.152, Occupations Code, who holds a nationally
23 recognized board certification in psychiatric or mental health
24 nursing; [~~and~~]

- 1 (5) a licensed clinical social worker, as defined by
2 Section 505.002, Occupations Code; and
3 (6) a chemical dependency counselor, as defined by
4 Section 504.001, Occupations Code.

5 SECTION 2. Section 61.604, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), if in a state fiscal
8 year not all funds available for purposes of the program are used,
9 the board may allocate any unused funds to award repayment
10 assistance grants to mental health professionals in any of the
11 professions listed in Section 61.601.

12 SECTION 3. Section 61.607(b), Education Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (b) The total amount of repayment assistance received by a
15 mental health professional under this subchapter may not exceed:

16 (1) \$160,000, for assistance from the state received
17 by a licensed physician;

18 (2) \$80,000, for assistance from the state received
19 by:

20 (A) a psychologist;

21 (B) a licensed clinical social worker, if the
22 social worker has received a doctoral degree related to social
23 work; or

24 (C) a licensed professional counselor, if the
25 counselor has received a doctoral degree related to counseling;

26 (3) \$60,000, for assistance from the state received by
27 an advanced practice registered nurse; [~~and~~]

1 (4) \$40,000, for assistance from the state received by
2 a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed professional
3 counselor who is not described by Subdivision (2); and

4 (5) \$10,000, for assistance from the state received by
5 a licensed chemical dependency counselor, if the chemical
6 dependency counselor has received an associate degree related to
7 chemical dependency counseling or behavioral science.

8 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 61.608, Education Code,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 61.608. RULES; ADMINISTRATION.

11 SECTION 5. Section 61.608, Education Code, is amended by
12 adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

13 (c) The board shall adopt rules establishing a process for
14 allocating any unused funds under the program in accordance with
15 Section 61.604(d).

16 (d) The board shall administer the program under this
17 subchapter in a manner that maximizes any matching funds available
18 through the state loan repayment program under the National Health
19 Service Corps program of the United States Department of Health and
20 Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

21 SECTION 6. Section 61.609, Education Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 Sec. 61.609. SOLICITATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS. (a) The
24 board may solicit and accept gifts and grants from any public or
25 private source for the purposes of this subchapter.

26 (b) The board annually shall seek the maximum amount of
27 funds available through the state loan repayment program under the

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1 National Health Service Corps program of the United States
2 Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and
3 Services Administration.

4 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

House Bill 3083
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Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 61.601, Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 2. Section 61.604, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) *Notwithstanding Subsection (c)*, if in a state fiscal year not all funds available for purposes of the program are used, the board may allocate any unused funds to award repayment assistance grants to mental health professionals in any of the professions listed in Section 61.601.

SECTION 3. Section 61.607(b), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 4. The heading to Section 61.608, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 61.608. RULES: ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 5. Section 61.608, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) The board shall adopt rules establishing a process for allocating any unused funds under the program in accordance with Section 61.604(d).

(d) *The board shall administer the program under this subchapter in a manner that maximizes any matching funds available through the state loan repayment program under the National Health Service Corps program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.*

SECTION 6. Section 61.609, Education Code, is amended to

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

SECTION 2. Section 61.604, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) If in a state fiscal year not all funds available for purposes of the program are used, the board may allocate any unused funds to award repayment assistance grants to mental health professionals in any of the professions listed in Section 61.601. *The limitations prescribed by Subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to grants awarded under this subsection.*

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 4. Same as House version except *omits Subsection (d)*.

No equivalent provision.

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

SECTION 4. Same as House version.

SECTION 5. Same as House version.

SECTION 6. Same as House version.

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read as follows:

Sec. 61.609. SOLICITATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS. (a) The board may solicit and accept gifts and grants from any public or private source for the purposes of this subchapter.

(b) The board annually shall seek the maximum amount of funds available through the state loan repayment program under the National Health Service Corps program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

SECTION 7. Effective date.

SECTION 5. Same as House version.

SECTION 7. Same as House version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3083 by Price (Relating to repayment of certain mental health professional education loans.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Education Code relating to repayment of certain mental health professional education loans. The bill would allow certain chemical dependency counselors to be eligible to participate in the program. Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board would be required to maximize any matching funds available through the state loan repayment program under the National Health Service Corps program of the United State Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

Based on an analysis of information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Health and Human Services Commission, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

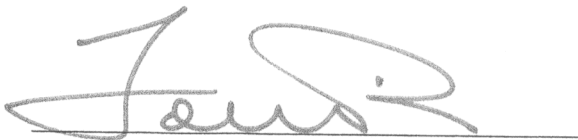
Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference to be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not a sustainable point of order under Rule 13.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on HB 3083 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.



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