

LEGISLATIVE BILL 242

Approved by the Governor May 5, 1999

Introduced by Engel, 17; Bromm, 23; Coordsen, 32; Kristensen, 37; Wehrbein, 2; Raikes, 25; Byars, 30; Schellpeper, 18

AN ACT relating to rural health education; to amend section 71-5661, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund; to eliminate the Rural Health Opportunities Loan Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 71-5671 to 71-5677 and 71-5679, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-5678, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-5661, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5661. (1) The financial incentives provided by the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act shall consist of (1) (a) student loans to eligible students for attendance at an eligible school as determined pursuant to section 71-5662 and (2) (b) the repayment of qualified educational debts owed by eligible health professionals as determined pursuant to such section. Funds for such incentives shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the department for such purposes.

~~There is hereby created in the department the~~ (2) The Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund into which is created. Money credited pursuant to section 2 of this act, payments received pursuant to section 71-5666, and appropriations from the General Fund shall be credited remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 2. On and after the effective date of this act, any money remaining in the Rural Health Opportunities Loan Pool Fund and any money remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to such fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund created under section 71-5661 and used to carry out the purposes of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 71-5661, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 4. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 71-5671 to 71-5677 and 71-5679, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-5678, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998.