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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1931

By: Representative Bentley

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE  
STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL  
PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP  
BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-702(a), concerning the membership of the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is established the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board ~~composed of~~ that shall consist of eight (8) members appointed by the Governor for a three-year term.

~~(A) The Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences as chair;~~

~~(B) One (1) representative of the Arkansas Medical Society as vice chair;~~

~~(C) The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;~~

~~(D) One (1) representative of the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, named by the dean of that school;~~

~~(E) Two (2) physician members appointed by the Arkansas~~



~~Medical Society, giving preference to physicians who have received rural medical practice loans, community match loans, or income incentives; and~~  
~~(F) Two (2) representatives appointed by the Arkansas Hospital Association.~~

(2) Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner.

(3) The Governor shall consider a range of practice specialties and geographical areas of practice in making appointments to the board.

(4) The Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall be appointed as a member and chair of the board by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(5) Two (2) members shall be duly qualified, licensed, and active medical practitioners and appointed by the Governor after consulting with the Arkansas Medical Society, Inc., and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(6) One (1) member shall be a licensed practicing physician in this state and shall be appointed by the Governor after consulting with the Physician's Section of the Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association, Inc., and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(7) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Governor after consulting with the Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(8) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor after consulting with the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(9) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor after consulting with the Arkansas Hospital Association, Inc., and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-708(c)(4)(D), concerning the loan contracts, obligations, and conditions of rural medical practice loans, is repealed.

~~(D) In the event of the death of the recipient, the entire loan amount that has not been converted to a scholarship grant pursuant to the terms of the loan contract shall be due and payable;~~