

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1544

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1803(a), concerning the composition of the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is established the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board ~~composed of~~ that shall consist of six (6) members, which shall include:

(A) One (1) ~~representative of~~ member who shall be appointed by the Governor after consultation with each medical school in Arkansas that is not the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

(B) One (1) ~~representative of~~ member who shall be appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association, who shall serve as vice chair;

(C) Two (2) physician members appointed by the Governor



after consultation with the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association, giving preference to physicians who have received osteopathic rural medical practice loans, community match loans, or income incentives; and

(D) Two (2) representatives appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Arkansas Hospital Association, Inc.

(2) Members of the board shall:

(A) Serve a term of three (3) years; and

(B) Not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(3) Except as provided under subsection (c) of this section, members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(4) Vacancies shall be filled in a similar manner as provided under subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section.

/s/L. Johnson