

**REPORT OF THE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
(Cobb-Hunter, Lowe, Finlay, Bannister, and Daning – Blythe Littlefield, staff)**

HOUSE BILL 4127

H. 4127 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-200, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING'S PHYSICIAN STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

Received by Ways and Means: 2/27/19

Summary of Bill: Changes the Department on Aging's Physician student loan repayment program's eligibility requirements. Reduces the number of physicians eligible in a year from four to two and states that the total amount that may be reimbursed to one physician is \$100,000.

Estimated Revenue Impact: Pending

Subcommittee Recommendation: Passed Favorably

Full Committee Recommendation:

Other Notes/Comments: Per the SC Department on Aging's website on the Geriatric Physician Loan Forgiveness Program, the program was created by in 2005 to encourage physicians who are completing, or have completed, fellowships in the fields of geriatrics and/or geriatric psychiatry to practice in SC by helping them repay their medical school loans (SC 43-21-200). Since its inception, the program has awarded over \$600,000 to 22 geriatric physicians and geriatric psychiatrists who have served over 10,000 South Carolinians. It has improved the lives of the approximately 900,000 seniors who reside in South Carolina by incentivizing our nation's finest geriatric specialists to practice in the state.

2nd Reading:

Amendments:

2nd Reading Vote:

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STATUS INFORMATION

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Sponsors: Rep. Ballentine

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Introduced in the House on February 27, 2019

Currently residing in the House Committee on **Ways and Means**

Summary: Aging Depts Physician Student Loan Payment Program

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Action Description with journal page number</u>
2/27/2019	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 63)
2/27/2019	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 63)

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 43-21-200(C)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) Upon execution of the contract, the department shall reimburse student loan payments made by the physician during the last completed calendar quarter. No more than ~~four~~ two physicians a year may participate in the program unless sufficient funding is available to reimburse, in accordance with this section, more than ~~four~~ two physicians a year. The total amount that may be reimbursed to one physician is ~~thirty-five~~ one hundred thousand dollars ~~multiplied by the number of years of the fellowship completed, prorated for periods less than one year.~~”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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