

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to repeal and replace section 67-5339 in order to allow all agencies to utilize the Educational Reimbursement Program (presently named Loan Repayment Program). Currently, the Loan Repayment Program only applies to physicians, psychologists, and mid-level practitioners at state hospital north and state hospital south. By adding "claw-back" language, this statute will allow state agencies to offer eligible employees this incentive for recruitment and retention using educational reimbursement opportunities.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the state's General fund or any dedicated fund or federal fund because agencies making educational reimbursement awards to eligible state employees must use existing budget appropriations to cover the cost of program participation. There is no fiscal impact to the Division of Human Resources for absorbing the administration of the program.

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