

March 18, 2009

**S 678. ESTABLISH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS.** Filed 3/18/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE NEED-BASED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS.*

Enacts new Article 42, Need-Based Physician Assistant Scholarships, in GS Chapter 90 to establish a need-based scholarship loan fund for physician assistant students to be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) in accordance with rules adopted by the Authority. Provides that distribution of scholarship loan amounts among prospective and enrolled physician assistant students enrolled in UNC constituent institutions and private colleges are to be in amounts proportionate to the amounts awarded to each such group of students in the preceding fiscal year. Enumerates the functions of the Authority in implementing the loan program. Provides that the Authority forgives the scholarship loan if, within four years after graduation, the physician assistant (1) practices in a medically underserved area or discipline, as defined by the North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Community Care or (2) serves as a full-time faculty member in a state physician assistant education program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. Two years of service is required to pay each year of the scholarship loan. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Brunstetter.**

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June 2, 2009

**S 678. ESTABLISH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS.** Filed 3/18/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Amends proposed GS 90-750 to delete (1) the *need-based component* of the physician assistant scholarship loan fund and (2) language requiring that the distribution of the scholarship loan funds be based on proportions from the preceding year. Makes a conforming change to the title.