

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NA-  
TURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE  
PRINT RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH  
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Page 10, strike line 21 and all that follows through  
page 12, line 8, and insert the following:

1       (b) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—

2               (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health  
3       and Human Services shall establish a program to be  
4       known as the Public Health Workforce Loan Repay-  
5       ment Program (referred to in this section as the  
6       “Program”) to assure an adequate supply of and en-  
7       courage recruitment of public health professionals to  
8       eliminate critical public health workforce shortages  
9       in local, State, and Tribal public health agencies.

10              (2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate  
11       in the Program, an individual shall—

12                      (A)(i) be accepted for enrollment, or be en-  
13       rolled, as a student in an accredited academic  
14       educational institution in a State or territory in  
15       the final year of a course of study or program  
16       leading to a public health or health professions  
17       degree or certificate and have accepted employ-

1           ment with a local, State, or Tribal public health  
2           agency, or a related training fellowship, as rec-  
3           ognized by the Secretary, to commence upon  
4           graduation; or

5                 (ii)(I) have graduated, during the pre-  
6                 ceding 10-year period, from an accredited edu-  
7                 cational institution in a State or territory and  
8                 received a public health or health professions  
9                 degree or certificate; and

10                (II) be employed by, or have accepted em-  
11                ployment with, a local, State, or Tribal public  
12                health agency or a related training fellowship,  
13                as recognized by the Secretary;

14                (B) be a United States citizen;

15                (C)(i) submit an application to the Sec-  
16                retary to participate in the Program; and

17                (ii) execute a written contract as required  
18                in paragraph (3); and

19                (D) not have received, for the same service,  
20                a reduction of loan obligations under section  
21                428J, 428K, 428L, 455(m), or 460 of the  
22                Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
23                1078–10, 1078–11, 1078–12, 1087e(m), and  
24                1087j).

1           (3) CONTRACT.—The written contract referred  
2           to in paragraph (2)(C)(ii) between the Secretary and  
3           an individual shall contain—

4                   (A) an agreement on the part of the Sec-  
5                   retary that the Secretary will repay, on behalf  
6                   of the individual, loans incurred by the indi-  
7                   vidual in the pursuit of the relevant degree or  
8                   certificate in accordance with the terms of the  
9                   contract;

10                   (B) an agreement on the part of the indi-  
11                   vidual that the individual will serve in the full-  
12                   time employment of a local, State, or Tribal  
13                   public health agency or a related fellowship pro-  
14                   gram in a position related to the course of  
15                   study or program for which the contract was  
16                   awarded for a period of time equal to the great-  
17                   er of—

18                           (i) 3 years; or

19                           (ii) such longer period of time as de-  
20                   termined appropriate by the Secretary and  
21                   the individual;

22                   (C) an agreement, as appropriate, on the  
23                   part of the individual to relocate to a priority  
24                   service area (as determined by the Secretary) in  
25                   exchange for an additional loan repayment in-

1 centive amount to be determined by the Sec-  
2 retary;

3 (D) a provision that any financial obliga-  
4 tion of the United States arising out of a con-  
5 tract entered into under this section and any  
6 obligation of the individual that is conditioned  
7 thereon, is contingent on funds being appro-  
8 priated for loan repayments under this sub-  
9 section;

10 (E) a statement of the damages to which  
11 the United States is entitled, under this sub-  
12 section for the individual's breach of the con-  
13 tract; and

14 (F) such other statements of the rights  
15 and liabilities of the Secretary and of the indi-  
16 vidual as the Secretary determines appropriate,  
17 not inconsistent with this subsection.

18 (4) PAYMENTS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—A loan repayment pro-  
20 vided for an individual under a written contract  
21 referred to in paragraph (2)(C)(ii) shall consist  
22 of payment, in accordance with subparagraph  
23 (B), on behalf of the individual of the principal,  
24 interest, and related expenses on government  
25 and commercial loans received by the individual

1           regarding the undergraduate or graduate edu-  
2           cation of the individual (or both), which loans  
3           were made for tuition expenses incurred by the  
4           individual.

5                   (B) PAYMENTS FOR YEARS SERVED.—For  
6           each year of service that an individual contracts  
7           to serve pursuant to paragraph (3)(B), the Sec-  
8           retary may pay not more than \$35,000 on be-  
9           half of the individual for loans described in sub-  
10          paragraph (A). With respect to participants  
11          under the Program whose total eligible loans  
12          are less than \$105,000, the Secretary shall pay  
13          an amount that does not exceed  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the eligi-  
14          ble loan balance for each year of such service of  
15          such individual.

16                   (C) TAX LIABILITY.—For the purpose of  
17          providing reimbursements for tax liability re-  
18          sulting from payments under subparagraph (A)  
19          on behalf of an individual, the Secretary shall,  
20          in addition to such payments, make payments  
21          to the individual in an amount not to exceed 39  
22          percent of the total amount of loan repayments  
23          made for the taxable year involved.

24                   (5) POSTPONING OBLIGATED SERVICE.—With  
25          respect to an individual receiving a degree or certifi-

1       cate from a health professions or other related  
2       school, the date of the initiation of the period of ob-  
3       ligated service may be postponed as approved by the  
4       Secretary.

5           (6) BREACH OF CONTRACT.—An individual who  
6       fails to comply with the contract entered into under  
7       paragraph (3) shall be subject to the same financial  
8       penalties as provided for under section 338E of the  
9       Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254o) for  
10      breaches of loan repayment contracts under section  
11      338B of such Act (42 U.S.C. section 254l–1).

12          (7) APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.—Amounts  
13      appropriated pursuant to the amendments made by  
14      this subsection for fiscal shall be subject to the re-  
15      quirements contained in Public Law 116–94 for  
16      funds for programs authorized under 340K of the  
17      Public Health Service Act.

