

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3196 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Carl Newton _____

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3196

By: Newton

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
9 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 698.33, which relates
10 to the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act; modifying
11 veterinary training program for rural Oklahoma;
12 updating references; prioritizing students currently
13 enrolled at the Oklahoma State University College of
14 Veterinary Medicine; modifying maximum assistance
15 amount; and declaring an emergency.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 698.33, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 698.33 A. There is hereby established the veterinary
20 training program for rural Oklahoma to be administered by the
21 Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Medicine Authority
22 ~~Health Sciences~~. The program shall be developed and implemented in
23 order to provide encouragement, opportunities and incentives for
24 persons pursuing a veterinary medicine degree at Oklahoma State
University to locate their veterinary practice in rural Oklahoma

1 communities, and receive specialized training targeted to meet the
2 needs of livestock producers in rural Oklahoma communities.

3 B. Subject to available funds, each year the ~~Veterinary Center~~
4 Authority may enter into program agreements with ~~up to three first-~~
5 ~~year~~ veterinary students or currently practicing large animal
6 veterinarians with qualifying school loans, as determined by the
7 ~~Veterinary Center~~ Authority. Preference shall be given to those
8 students and ~~large animal~~ veterinarians who are focused on large
9 animal veterinary medicine, who are Oklahoma residents and who agree
10 to serve in a community as described in paragraph 3 of subsection D
11 of this section, which is determined by the ~~Veterinary Center~~
12 Authority to be an underserved area for the practice of veterinary
13 medicine. Allocation shall be prioritized to eligible students
14 currently enrolled at the Oklahoma State University College of
15 Veterinary Medicine.

16 C. Subject to available funds, each student or large animal
17 veterinarian entering into a program agreement under this section
18 shall receive assistance in an amount not to exceed ~~Twenty Thousand~~
19 ~~Dollars (\$20,000.00)~~ Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per
20 year for not more than four (4) years for tuition, books, supplies
21 and other school expenses, and travel and training expenses incurred
22 by the student in pursuing a veterinary medicine degree. Upon
23 satisfaction of all commitments under the provisions of the
24 agreement and the provisions of this section, the financial

1 obligations pursuant to this section shall be deemed satisfied and
2 forgiven.

3 D. Each program agreement shall require that the person
4 receiving the assistance:

5 1. Complete the veterinary medicine degree program at the
6 ~~Veterinary Center~~ Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary
7 Medicine;

8 2. Complete all requirements in public health, livestock
9 biosecurity, foreign animal disease diagnosis, regulatory veterinary
10 medicine and zoonotic disease, and an externship and mentoring
11 requirement with a licensed, accredited veterinarian in rural
12 Oklahoma as required by the ~~Veterinary Center~~ College;

13 3. Engage in the full-time practice, focused on large animal
14 medicine, of veterinary medicine in any community in Oklahoma which
15 has a population not exceeding twenty-five thousand (25,000) as
16 determined by the most recent Federal Decennial Census at the time
17 the person entered into the program agreement for a period of at
18 least twelve (12) continuous months for each separate year a student
19 receives assistance under the program, unless the obligation is
20 otherwise satisfied as provided in this section. If, after the date
21 a program agreement was entered into by the parties, a community no
22 longer meets the maximum population requirements provided in this
23 paragraph, a person engaging in the full-time practice of veterinary
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1 medicine pursuant to the program agreement shall continue to
2 practice in that designated community; and

3 4. Commence the full-time practice, focused on large animal
4 medicine, ~~of veterinary medicine~~ in that community within ninety
5 (90) days after completion of the person's degree program, or if the
6 person enters a postdegree training program, such as a graduate
7 school or internship or residency program, within ninety (90) days
8 after completion of the postdegree training program.

9 E. Upon the failure of a person to satisfy the obligation to
10 engage in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine in
11 accordance with the provisions of this section, that person shall
12 repay to the ~~Veterinary Center~~ Authority, within ninety (90) days of
13 the failure, the amount equal to the assistance provided to the
14 person less a prorated amount based on any periods of practice of
15 veterinary medicine meeting the requirements of this section, plus
16 interest at the prime rate of interest plus two percent (2%) from
17 the date the assistance accrued. The interest shall be compounded
18 annually.

19 F. An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary
20 medicine in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be
21 postponed during:

22 1. Any period of temporary medical disability during which the
23 person obligated is unable to practice veterinary medicine due to
24 the disability; and

1 2. Any other period of postponement agreed to or determined in
2 accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice agreement.

3 G. An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary
4 medicine in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and this
5 section shall be satisfied:

6 1. If the obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary
7 medicine in accordance with the agreement has been completed;

8 2. If, because of permanent disability, the person obligated is
9 unable to practice veterinary medicine; or

10 3. The person who is obligated dies.

11 H. The ~~Veterinary Center~~ Authority may adopt additional
12 provisions, requirements or conditions to participate in this
13 program as are practicable and appropriate to accomplish the
14 provisions of the program or may be required for the implementation
15 or administration of the program, and are not inconsistent with the
16 provisions of this section.

17 ~~I. The Veterinary Center shall not enter into any program~~
18 ~~agreements pursuant to the provisions of this section after July 1,~~
19 ~~2025. All agreements entered into prior to such date shall be~~
20 ~~valid.~~

21 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect
2 and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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