

State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Bill 706

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT 90

AN ACT *to amend* 39.465 (title), 39.465 (1) (a), 39.465 (1) (d), 39.465 (2), 39.465 (3) (a), 39.465 (3) (b) and 39.465 (4); and *to create* 39.465 (1) (b) and 39.465 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** scholarships for Marquette University School of Dentistry students who practice in dental health shortage areas.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 39.465 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.465 (title) Scholarship Dentistry scholarship program.

SECTION 2. 39.465 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.465 (1) (a) "Actual practice total" is the total number of months that a student upon graduation practices dentistry in a dental health shortage area in this state. For purposes of this paragraph, a fraction of a month is counted as one month.

SECTION 3. 39.465 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

39.465 (1) (b) "Dental health shortage area" has the meaning given in s. 36.60 (1) (ad), except that "dental health shortage area" does not include an area in the county of Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, or Waukesha.

SECTION 4. 39.465 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.465 (1) (d) "Required practice total" means the total number of months a student upon graduation is

required under sub. (3) to practice dentistry in a dental health shortage area in this state.

SECTION 5. 39.465 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

39.465 (1) (e) "School" means the Marquette University School of Dentistry.

SECTION 6. 39.465 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.465 (2) **SCHOLARSHIPS.** In consultation with the department of health services, the board shall establish a program for awarding to no more than 15 students at the school an annual scholarship, including a stipend, equal to \$30,000 for each year of a student's enrollment but not exceeding 4 years. The board shall pay the scholarships from the appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (dg). From the appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (dg), the board shall also provide the school \$350,000 annually for the development and operation of programs to support the recruitment and training of students in rural dentistry.

SECTION 7. 39.465 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.465 (3) (a) A student is not eligible for a scholarship under the program established under sub. (2) unless

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

he or she is a resident of the state and enters into an agreement with the board in which he or she agrees upon graduation to practice dentistry in a dental health shortage area in this state for a period equal to 18 months multiplied by the number of annual scholarships the board awards to the student under the program.

SECTION 8. 39.465 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.465 (3) (b) An agreement under par. (a) shall specify that if a student fails to practice dentistry in a dental health shortage area in this state for the period required under par. (a), he or she is liable to the state for an amount equal to the total dollar amount of annual scholarships

awarded to the student multiplied by the student's repayment liability percentage.

SECTION 9. 39.465 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.465 (4) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY. ~~The~~ In cooperation with the school, the board shall make every effort to ensure that students who are awarded scholarships under the program established under sub. (2) practice dentistry upon graduation in geographically diverse dental health shortage areas in this state.

SECTION 10. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to scholarships awarded in the 2024–25 academic year.
