

14 "Subpart 7A15 20-3-460.16 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:17 (1) 'Eligible applicant' means a person who:18 (A) Is a legal resident of the State of Georgia as established by rules and regulations
19 of the authority;20 (B) Is a physician duly licensed and authorized to practice medicine in this state under
21 Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43; and22 (C) Is currently employed as a full-time medical examiner by the Division of Forensic
23 Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and has been so employed for at least
24 one year.25 (2) 'Recipient' means an eligible applicant who applied for and was approved by the
26 authority for student loan repayment under this Code section.27 (3) 'Student loan' means debt incurred by an eligible applicant that is:28 (A) Evidenced by a promissory note which required the funds received to be used to
29 pay for the cost of attendance for the undergraduate, graduate, or professional education
30 of the eligible applicant;31 (B) Not in default at the time of application for repayment under this Code section; and32 (C) Not subject to an existing service obligation or to repayment through another
33 student loan repayment or loan forgiveness program or as a condition of employment.34 (b) The authority is authorized to approve the applications of eligible applicants submitted
35 in accordance with rules and regulations established by the authority governing the student
36 loan repayment application process.37 (c) The authority is authorized to provide for the repayment of student loans held by
38 recipients in consideration of the recipient performing services in the form of the practice

39 of medicine as a full-time medical examiner employed by the Division of Forensic
40 Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

41 (d)(1) Each recipient, before being granted any student loan repayment, shall enter into
42 a student loan repayment agreement with the authority agreeing to the terms and
43 conditions upon which the student loan repayment is granted, including such terms and
44 conditions set forth in this Code section.

45 (2) The authority shall have the power to terminate a student loan repayment agreement
46 at any time for any cause deemed sufficient by the authority, provided that such power
47 shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably exercised.

48 (e) Each student loan repayment agreement entered into under the authority granted in this
49 Code section shall be signed by the director of the authority and by the recipient and shall:

50 (1) Provide for repayment of the recipient's student loans in a total amount as the
51 authority shall determine, but not to exceed a maximum of \$120,000.00 or the total
52 student loan debt of the recipient, whichever is less, to be paid out over a term of not
53 more than five years in installments made on an annual basis;

54 (2) Provide that any payment made by the authority under a student loan repayment
55 agreement shall be made in consideration of services rendered by the recipient practicing
56 medicine as a full-time medical examiner employed by the Division of Forensic Sciences
57 of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; and

58 (3) Require that the recipient shall remain a legal resident of the state as established by
59 rules and regulations of the authority; maintain licensure as a physician authorized to
60 practice medicine in this state under Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43; and be employed
61 as a full-time medical examiner by the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia
62 Bureau of Investigation at all times during the term of the agreement.

63 (f) The authority shall adopt such rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary to
64 implement the provisions of this Code section.

65 (g) Student loan repayment for recipients having entered into a student loan repayment
66 agreement with the authority pursuant to this Code section shall be contingent upon the
67 appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this Code section in
68 annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly."

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SECTION 2.

70 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.