

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING THE ALLIED HEALTH STUDENT LOAN FOR SERVICE ACT TO INCLUDE A DENTAL HYGIENIST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-22C-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994, Chapter 57, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-22C-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Allied Health Student Loan for Service Act:

A. "allied health profession" means physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, audiology, pharmacy, nutrition, respiratory care, laboratory technology, radiologic technology, dental hygiene, mental health services, emergency medical services or a licensed or certified health profession as defined by the department;

B. "department" means the higher education department;

C. "loan" means a grant of money to defray the costs incidental to an allied health profession education, under a contract between the department and an allied health profession student, requiring repayment with services or repayment of principal and interest; and

D. "student" means a resident of New Mexico who is enrolled in an accredited program for one of the allied health professions."

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