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Overview

This bill allows health-related licensing boards to discipline health professionals who fail to pay back funds disbursed through any federal educational loan, loan repayment, or service conditional scholarship program, and any financial penalties owed.

Section

- 1** **Grounds listed.** Requires the commissioner of health to report to a health-related licensing board if a participant in the National Health Services Corps state loan repayment program fails to satisfy service obligations and fails to repay amounts owed and financial penalties.

This program was authorized by the federal government and is administered by the commissioner of health, with the purpose of recruiting and retaining health professionals in federally designated health professional shortage areas. Participants must practice in the area of primary health care for at least two years and up to four years, and for each year of service the commissioner may pay back up to \$20,000 of the participant's qualifying educational loans.

- 2** Health-related licensing boards; defaults on federal loans or service obligations. Adds § 214.105. Allows health-related licensing boards to refuse to license or to discipline health professionals who intentionally do not meet the payment or service obligations of a federal loan, loan repayment, or scholarship program.