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Overview

This bill adds mental health professionals and independent clinical social workers to the list of eligible health professionals for loan forgiveness. The bill also appropriates an unspecified amount of money for the loan forgiveness program.

Section

- 1 **Definitions.** Amends § 144.1501, subdivision 1. Adds definitions for mental health professionals and social workers.
- 2 **Creation of account.** Amends § 144.1501, subdivision 2. Adds mental health professionals to the list of practitioners eligible for loan forgiveness. Also adds social workers who agree to practice as a child protection specialist for certain counties.
- 3 **Eligibility.** Amends § 144.1501, subdivision 3. Adds persons in a training or education program to become mental health professionals and social workers to the eligibility for loan forgiveness.
- 4 **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount to the commissioner of health from the general fund for the health professional education loan forgiveness program.