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## **Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program Legislation Introduced**

(Columbus) Yesterday, Representative Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Township) introduced House Bill 151 that would create the Ohio Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program. This program is mirrored off the Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program and the Ohio Dentist and Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Programs. The goal of this legislation is to increase chiropractic care to underserved communities and populations. Under the program, in exchange for loan repayment assistance, Doctors of Chiropractic commit to providing chiropractic services in a designated chiropractic health resource shortage area for a minimum of two years and see patients regardless of their ability to pay. Selected applicants may receive up to \$10,000 annually for repayment of outstanding chiropractic school debt and up to \$30,000 for the duration of the program. Those eligible for the program include current students of chiropractic schools and Ohio licensed Doctors of Chiropractic. The loan repayment program would be administered by the Ohio Department of Health.

Additionally, this legislation creates the Ohio Chiropractic Loan Repayment Advisory Board. The board would consist of one member of the Ohio House, one member of the Ohio Senate, a representative from the Ohio Department of High Education, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health and three representatives from the chiropractic profession. This board shall determine the amounts that will be paid as loan repayments on behalf of participants in the chiropractic loan repayment program. Also, the bill seeks to make operational changes to the Ohio Chiropractic Licensing Board.

“In a world where tuition costs are high and access to healthcare providers in underserved communities is low, the intent of this bill is give patients access to Doctors of Chiropractic while at the same time providing tuition assistance to those providers residing or willing to relocate and work in a chiropractic health resource shortage area,” said Representative Carfagna.

HB 151 sponsored by Representative Carfagna has the following co-sponsors: Representative Scott Lipps (R-Franklin), Representative Tim Ginter (R-Salem), Representative Mike O’Brien (D-Warren), Representative Bill Roemer (R-Richfield), Representative Thomas West (D-Canton), Representative Sara Carruthers (D-Hamilton), Representative Jay Edwards (R-Nelsonville), Representative Ron Hood (R-Ashville), Representative Sarah LaTourette (R-Chesterland), Representative Don Manning (R-New Middletown), Representative Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster), and Representative Phil Plummer (R-Dayton)

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