## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 269-ASSEMBLYMEMBER D'SILVA

## FEBRUARY 20, 2025

## Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 18-618)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; expanding the applicability of the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health Care in Underserved Communities Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:** 

Existing law creates the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health Care in Underserved Communities Program to repay the student education loans of qualified providers of health care who work in certain underserved communities. (NRS 226.458) Existing law defines "provider of health care" for purposes of the Program. (NRS 226.454) Section 1 of this bill adds a licensed marriage and family therapist, clinical alcohol and drug counselor and alcohol and drug counselor and a certified problem gambling counselor to the definition of "provider of health care" for such purposes, thereby expanding the applicability of the Program.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. NRS 226.454 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 226.454 "Provider of health care" means:
- 3 1. A physician;
- 4 2. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or
- 5 633 of NRS;

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- 3. A dentist;
- 4. A licensed nurse;





- 5. A person who holds a license as an attendant or is certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS;
  - An optometrist: 6.

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- An audiologist; 7.
- 8. A practitioner of respiratory care;
- 9. A podiatric physician;
- 10. A psychologist;
- 11. A clinical professional counselor;
- 12. A perfusionist; 10
  - 13. A pharmacist or pharmacy technician;
  - 14. An associate in social work, a social worker, a master social worker, an independent social worker or a clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;
    - 15. A midwife; [or]
  - 16. A provider of doula services who is enrolled with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services to receive reimbursement through Medicaid pursuant to NRS 422.27177 [...];
  - 17. A marriage and family therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;
  - 18. A clinical alcohol and drug counselor or an alcohol and drug counselor licensed pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS; or
- 19. A problem gambling counselor certified pursuant to 25 chapter 641C of NRS.
  - Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.
    - Section 1 of this act becomes effective:
  - (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
    - (b) On October 1, 2025, for all other purposes.





