

1 SB144
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3 By Senator Gudger
4 RFD: Education Policy
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 16-47-78, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 relating to the Board of Dental Scholarship Awards and the
7 Alabama Dental Service Program; to revise the name of the
8 accrediting organization from Council on Dental Education to
9 Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental
10 Association.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. Section 16-47-78 of the Code of Alabama
13 1975, is amended to read as follows:

14 "§16-47-78.

15 "(a) The board shall establish four types of
16 scholarships as follows:

17 "(1) A number of loans equal to 20 percent of the
18 number of students enrolled in the University of Alabama
19 School of Dentistry, based on the economic need and scholastic
20 ability of the applicant, in an amount not to exceed the
21 annual tuition per annum or four times that amount over a
22 four-year period, shall be available to any bona fide resident
23 of Alabama of good character who has been accepted for
24 matriculation by the University of Alabama School of Dentistry
25 or any other educational institution accredited by the ~~Council~~

1 Commission on Dental Education Accreditation of the American
2 Dental Association. This section shall also apply to graduate
3 students at the discretion of the board.

4 "(2) A number of nonrefundable merit scholarship
5 awards equal in number to five percent of the number of
6 students enrolled in the University of Alabama School of
7 Dentistry, in an amount not to exceed the annual tuition per
8 annum or four times that amount over a four-year period, shall
9 be available to outstanding students, one fourth of which
10 shall be awarded each year to members of the entering class at
11 the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, who, in the
12 judgment of the board, have the highest scholastic achievement
13 in undergraduate studies, sufficient dental aptitude,
14 excellence of character, and other pertinent qualifications.

15 "(3) A number of loans or nonrefundable scholarships
16 for the Rural Dental Health Scholars Program established
17 pursuant to Section 16-47-76 and operated by the College of
18 Community Health Sciences at the University of Alabama and
19 supported by the University of Alabama School of Dentistry.

20 "(4) A number of scholarships and reimbursements for
21 expenses for dental students in the Rural Dental Scholars
22 Program established pursuant to Section 16-47-76.

23 "(b) Any appropriations made pursuant to Sections
24 16-47-76 through 16-47-81, or funds received by the Board of
25 Dental Scholarship Awards remaining at the end of any fiscal

1 year shall remain with the board and not revert to any other
2 fund. This section shall have retroactive effect to September
3 30, 2005.

4 "(c) (1) The board shall operate the Alabama Dental
5 Service Program, under which loans may be awarded by the board
6 to applicants of good character who are enrolled in the
7 University of Alabama School of Dentistry or any other
8 educational institution accredited by the ~~Council~~ Commission
9 on Dental ~~Education~~ Accreditation of the American Dental
10 Association, but only to applicants who have agreed in writing
11 to a contract as provided in subsection (d) of Section
12 16-47-79. Loans awarded under the program shall be based in
13 part on the economic need and scholastic ability of each
14 applicant. For applicants it approves to participate in the
15 program, the board may award each participant, for as many as
16 four years, an annual loan worth up to the annual cost of
17 in-state tuition and required fees at the University of
18 Alabama School of Dentistry.

19 "(2) The program shall be funded by direct
20 appropriation from the Education Trust Fund."

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
22 first day of the third month following its passage and
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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