

~~ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-1702(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO BE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF SHORTAGE.~~

~~(2) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MAY INCLUDE SERVICE PERFORMED IN A STATE THERAPEUTIC HOSPITAL DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE TO HAVE A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS PROVIDING THE REQUIREMENT OF § 18-1703(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS BEEN MET.~~

~~18-1702.~~

~~(D) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL:~~

~~(I) DETERMINE ANNUALLY IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR COMMUNITY OF THE STATE; AND~~

~~(II) REPORT ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF SHORTAGE EACH JANUARY 1 TO THE ADMINISTRATION.~~

~~(2) IF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE DETERMINES THAT THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR COMMUNITY OF THE STATE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONDITION THE AWARD OF TUITION ASSISTANCE ON THE PERFORMANCE BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE RECIPIENT'S SERVICE OBLIGATION IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE SHORTAGE EXISTS.~~

~~18-1703.~~

~~(a) (1) The State Scholarship Administration annually shall [award] DISTRIBUTE to eligible applicants tuition assistance AWARDS to train in physical or occupational therapy.~~

~~(2) NO LESS THAN 25 ANNUAL AWARDS SHALL REQUIRE THE SERVICE OBLIGATION TO BE SATISFIED THROUGH SERVICE TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AS DEFINED UNDER § 18-1701(H)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.

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CHAPTER 538

(House Bill 112)

AN ACT concerning