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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** HB 1232  
**DATE:** 3/12/2003  
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**HB 1232**

House Bill 1232 deletes the \$25,000 maximum amount of a scholarship under the Medical Education Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program. The bill also amends current law to decrease the number of years from 10 to 6 that the recipient of a medical education scholarship must practice family medicine in a critical needs area. HB 1232 also specifies that recipients will receive loan repayments in the amount of \$40,000 for the first 2 years of service and will receive \$10,000 per year in loan repayments for the four additional years. Thus, a recipient can receive \$80,000 in loan repayments. HB 1232 also provides that funds available via the medical education scholarship may be used for the repayment of loans for dentists and for nurse practitioners that agree to practice in a critical needs area.

HB 1232 is effective July 1, 2003.

IHL wants this bill. The medical education scholarship only has 4 current participants and IHL is hoping that reducing the number of years one has to practice in a critical needs area might entice more to participate.

Sign it.