

**Account Name:** Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Account No. 5144  
**Primary Agency:** Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
**Legal Citation:** Texas Education Code, Section 61

**Table 1:**

Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Account No. 5144  
 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations (in Millions)

	2008-09	2010-11	2012-13
Estimated Revenue	N/A	\$22.0	\$59.6
Appropriations	N/A	\$21.6	\$5.6

Note: Prior to the creation of Account 5144 in FY10, the program was funded from General Revenue Funds and the 2% medical school tuition set aside.

Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts

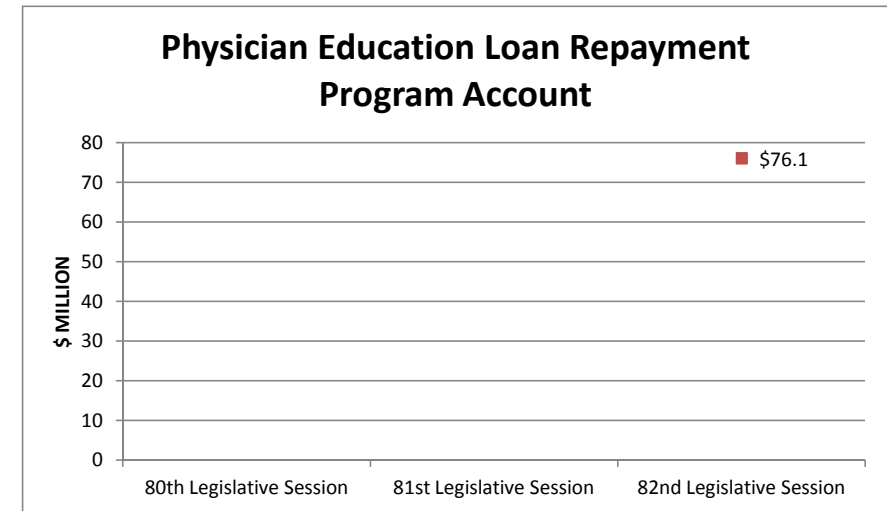
**Account Details:**

The Physicians Education Loan Repayment Program (PELRP) Account No. 5144 is a General Revenue-Dedicated account created by House Bill 2154 by the Eighty-first Legislature, Regular Session, 2009. The fund is dedicated to provide loan repayment assistance to eligible physicians.

The bill also created two sources of revenue for the PELRP Account: 1. Revenue from changes to the taxation of smokeless tobacco, and 2. Revenue from two percent set-aside from tuition payments made to state medical schools. House Bill 4583 also enacted by the Eighty-first Legislature, Regular Session, limited the revenue deposited into Account No. 5144 to 15 percent of collections from these two sources in fiscal year 2010, 25 percent in fiscal year 2011, and 50 percent on or after August 30, 2011. Remaining collections are deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

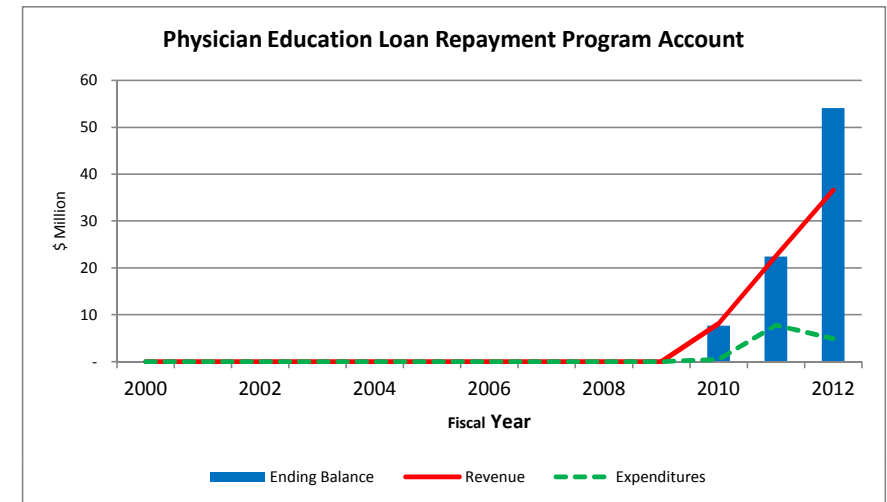
Texas' PELRP was established by legislation enacted by the Sixty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 1985 and is administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Prior to the creation of the PELRP Account in 2010, funding for the program consisted of General Revenue Funds and the two percent medical tuition set-aside. PELRP was created to encourage physicians to practice in health professional shortage areas by paying part of their student loans. The program also reimburses physicians who work for certain state agencies. Participating physicians must accept Medicaid patients and are prohibited from denying services based on a patient's ability to pay.

**Figure 1: Estimated Balance Available to Certify General Appropriations Bill**



Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts

**Figure 2: History of Revenue, Expenditures, and Cash Balances**



Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts