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Amendment No. Barcode 731672

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Senator Sanderson moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 1, between lines 22 and 23,

insert:

Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 240.4075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

240.4075 Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program.--

(1) To encourage qualified personnel to seek employment in areas of this state in which critical nursing shortages exist, there is established the Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program. The primary function of the program is to increase employment and retention of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in nursing homes and hospitals in the state and in state-operated medical and health care facilities, birth centers, federally sponsored community health centers, and teaching hospitals, family practice teaching hospitals, and specialty children's hospitals by making repayments toward loans received by students from

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1 federal or state programs or commercial lending institutions
2 for the support of postsecondary study in accredited or
3 approved nursing programs.

4 (7)(a) Funds contained in the Nursing Student Loan
5 Forgiveness Trust Fund which are to be used for loan
6 forgiveness for those nurses employed by hospitals, birth
7 centers, and nursing homes must be matched on a
8 dollar-for-dollar basis by contributions from the employing
9 institutions, except that this provision shall not apply to
10 state-operated medical and health care facilities, county
11 health departments, federally sponsored community health
12 centers, or teaching hospitals as defined in s. 408.07, family
13 practice teaching hospitals as defined in s. 395.805, or
14 specialty children's hospitals as described in s. 409.9119.
15 If, in any given fiscal quarter, there are insufficient funds
16 in the trust fund to grant all eligible applicants' requests,
17 awards must be based on the following priority by employer:
18 county health departments, federally sponsored community
19 health centers, state-operated medical and health care
20 facilities, teaching hospitals as defined in s. 408.07, family
21 practice teaching hospitals as defined in s. 395.805,
22 specialty children's hospitals as described in s. 409.9119,
23 and other hospitals, birthing centers, or nursing homes where
24 the match is required.

25 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
26 240.4076, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 240.4076 Nursing scholarship program.--

28 (4) Credit for repayment of a scholarship shall be as
29 follows:

30 (b) Eligible health care facilities include
31 state-operated medical or health care facilities, county

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1 health departments, federally sponsored community health
 2 centers, ~~or~~ teaching hospitals as defined in s. 408.07,
 3 nursing homes, family practice teaching hospitals as defined
 4 in s. 395.805, or specialty children's hospitals as described
 5 in s. 409.9119. The recipient shall be encouraged to complete
 6 the service obligation at a single employment site. If
 7 continuous employment at the same site is not feasible, the
 8 recipient may apply to the department for a transfer to
 9 another approved health care facility.

10 Section 4. All the statutory powers, duties, and
 11 functions and the records, personnel, property, and unexpended
 12 balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the
 13 Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program are transferred from
 14 the Department of Education to the Department of Health by a
 15 type two transfer as defined in section 20.06, Florida
 16 Statutes.

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 18 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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22 And the title is amended as follows:

23 On page 1, line 10, after the semicolon,

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25 insert:

26 amending ss. 240.4075, 240.4076, F.S.;

27 including nursing homes, family practice

28 teaching hospitals and specialty children's

29 hospitals as facilities eligible under the

30 program; exempting such hospitals from the

31 fund-matching requirements of the program;

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1 transferring the program from the Board of
2 Regents to the Department of Health;
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