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Amendment No.      Barcode 291820

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11 Senator Sanderson moved the following amendment to amendment  
 12 (791604):

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14 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 On page 287, between lines 19 and 20,  
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 17 insert:

18 Section 144. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of  
 19 subsection (7) of section 240.4075, Florida Statutes, are  
 20 amended to read:

21 240.4075 Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program.--

22 (1) To encourage qualified personnel to seek  
 23 employment in areas of this state in which critical nursing  
 24 shortages exist, there is established the Nursing Student Loan  
 25 Forgiveness Program. The primary function of the program is  
 26 to increase employment and retention of registered nurses and  
 27 licensed practical nurses in nursing homes and hospitals in  
 28 the state and in state-operated medical and health care  
 29 facilities, birth centers, federally sponsored community  
 30 health centers, and teaching hospitals, family practice  
 31 teaching hospitals, and specialty children's hospitals by

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1 making repayments toward loans received by students from  
2 federal or state programs or commercial lending institutions  
3 for the support of postsecondary study in accredited or  
4 approved nursing programs.

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

26 Section 145. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of  
27 section 240.4076, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 240.4076 Nursing scholarship program.--

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

31 (b) Eligible health care facilities include

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

11 Section 146. All the statutory powers, duties, and  
 12 functions and the records, personnel, property, and unexpended  
 13 balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the  
 14 Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program are transferred from  
 15 the Department of Education to the Department of Health by a  
 16 type two transfer as defined in section 20.06, Florida  
 17 Statutes.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 300, line 20, after the semicolon

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24 insert:

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

26 including nursing homes, family practice

27 teaching hospitals and specialty children's

28 hospitals as facilities eligible under the

29 program; exempting such hospitals from the

30 fund-matching requirements of the program;

31 transferring the program from the Board of

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