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Amendment No.      Barcode 101730

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11 Senator Sanderson moved the following amendment:

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

14 On page 64, between lines 10 and 11,

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16 insert:

17 Section 13. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of

18 subsection (7) of section 240.4075, Florida Statutes, are

19 amended to read:

20 240.4075 Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program.--

21 (1) To encourage qualified personnel to seek

22 employment in areas of this state in which critical nursing

23 shortages exist, there is established the Nursing Student Loan

24 Forgiveness Program. The primary function of the program is

25 to increase employment and retention of registered nurses and

26 licensed practical nurses in nursing homes and hospitals in

27 the state and in state-operated medical and health care

28 facilities, birth centers, federally sponsored community

29 health centers, and teaching hospitals, family practice

30 teaching hospitals, and specialty children's hospitals by

31 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 14. 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 15. 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 3, line 16, 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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transferring the program from the Board of  
Regents to the Department of Health;