Florida Senate - 2005

 $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ the Committee on Health Care; and Senators Peaden and Fasano

587-918D-05

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to increasing the number of
3	nurses in the state's workforce; amending s.
4	1009.66, F.S.; revising the criteria for
5	receiving funds under the Nursing Student Loan
6	Forgiveness Program; requiring that nurses
7	employed as faculty in an approved nursing
8	program be given priority in receiving funds
9	under the program; providing appropriations;
10	requiring the Division of Colleges and
11	Universities of the Department of Education to
12	establish a contract grants program; providing
13	requirements for priority funding; requiring
14	the division to report to the Legislature;
15	requiring the Board of Nursing to adopt rules
16	requiring nursing applicants and licensees to
17	submit certain information concerning
18	employment and education; authorizing the board
19	to provide such information to the Florida
20	Center for Nursing; providing an effective
21	date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 1009.66, Florida
26	Statutes, is amended to read:
27	1009.66 Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program
28	(7) Funds contained in the Nursing Student Loan
29	Forgiveness Trust Fund which are to be used for loan
30	forgiveness for those nurses employed by hospitals, birth
31	centers, and nursing homes and for those nurses employed as
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1	faculty in an approved nursing program must be matched on a
2	dollar-for-dollar basis by contributions from the employing
3	institutions, except that this provision shall not apply to
4	state-operated medical and health care facilities, public
5	schools, county health departments, federally sponsored
6	community health centers, teaching hospitals as defined in s.
7	408.07, family practice teaching hospitals as defined in s.
8	395.805, or specialty hospitals for children as used in s.
9	409.9119. An estimate of the annual trust fund dollars shall
10	be made at the beginning of the fiscal year based on historic
11	expenditures from the trust fund. Applicant requests shall be
12	reviewed on a quarterly basis, and applicant awards shall be
13	based on the following priority of employer until all such
14	estimated trust funds are awarded: <u>nursing programs approved</u>
15	by the Board of Nursing; state-operated medical and health
16	care facilities; public schools; county health departments;
17	federally sponsored community health centers; teaching
18	hospitals as defined in s. 408.07; family practice teaching
19	hospitals as defined in s. 395.805; specialty hospitals for
20	children as used in s. 409.9119; and other hospitals, birth
21	centers, and nursing homes.
22	Section 2. The sum of \$2,400,000 is appropriated from
23	the General Revenue Fund to the Nursing Student Loan
24	Forgiveness Trust Fund. Priority for receipt of these funds
25	shall be graduates who have received a master's degree or a
26	doctoral degree in nursing and are employed as faculty in an
27	approved nursing program in this state.
28	Section 3. The sum of \$6,620,519 is appropriated from
29	the General Revenue Fund to the Workforce Development
30	Capitalization Incentive Grant Program within the Department
31	of Education for the purpose of increasing the capacity of
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1	community college and postsecondary vocational nursing
2	programs.
3	Section 4. The sum of \$10,141,600 is appropriated from
4	the General Revenue Fund to the Division of Colleges and
5	Universities of the Department of Education for the purpose of
б	establishing a contract grants program for increasing the
7	capacity of nursing programs at public universities.
8	Institutions may apply for grants from this program if the
9	application includes a contract between the institution and
10	the state to produce a specific number of nursing graduates
11	within an appropriate time period. The division must give
12	priority to institutions that target for enrollment and
13	graduation exiting military personnel, students seeking
14	postgraduate degrees, and students committed to serving as
15	faculty within state public or private nursing programs. The
16	division must encourage institutions to form public or private
17	partnerships to match the grant through financial or in-kind
18	contributions. Grants may be used for capital or operating
19	purposes, including student financial assistance. The division
20	shall report to the Legislature by March 1, 2006, on this
21	program.
22	Section 5. The sum of \$4 million is appropriated from
23	the General Revenue fund to the Department of Education for
24	grants to private colleges and universities for the purpose of
25	increasing the capacity of nursing programs approved by the
26	Board of Nursing at private colleges and universities.
27	Section 6. <u>The Board of Nursing shall adopt rules to</u>
28	require applicants for nursing licensure and licensed nurses
29	to submit employment data, education data, and other workforce
30	information at the time of initial licensure and license
31	renewal. The Board of Nursing may provide a form to employers

2practice nursing in this state. The board may provide such workforce information to the Florida Center for Nursing in order to assist the center in achieving the goals specified in section 464.0195. Florida Statutes.6Section 7. The sum of \$256,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health to be used by the Board of Nursing to gather information regarding the nursing workforce at the time of initial licensure and license renewal. In coordination with the Board of Nursing.11the department may use part of this appropriated from the deta.13survey instrument to be used by the board to gather workforce data.14Section 8. The sum of \$96,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Agency for Workforce Innovation for the purpose of funding programs that deliver nursing assistants to achieve a nursing license and nurses to achieve a higher level of nursing license.15Section 9. The sum of \$2 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of funding the Sunshine Workforce Solutions Grant Program.14program.15Section 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.16jaw.	1	for collecting data concerning the employment of nurses who
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