

Bill No. SB 2714



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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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3/25/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Commerce (Saunders) recommended the following
 2 **amendment:**

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 86 and 87

insert:

Section 3. Nursing Education Faculty Enhancement Program --.

8 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS. - The Legislature
 9 finds that developing and retaining nursing education faculty is
 10 a critical component to expanding the capacity of Florida's
 11 nursing programs, thereby increasing the supply of qualified
 12 nurses to Florida's healthcare system. The Legislature further
 13 finds that the demand for qualified nurses in Florida continues
 14 to increase with the aging of the "baby boom" population and its
 15 resulting need for healthcare services. Thus, healthcare remains
 16 a growth sector in Florida's economy that, with appropriate state
 17 and private resources, will result in a sustained increase in



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18 jobs and spending, thereby, contributing to the stabilization and
 19 expansion of Florida's economy.

20 (2) The Nursing Education Faculty Enhancement Program is
 21 created to provide funding for monetary incentive and recognition
 22 awards for promoting the recruitment and retention of nursing
 23 education faculty in Florida's nursing programs. The Agency for
 24 Work Force Innovation shall provide a monetary award annually to
 25 each eligible nursing education faculty member employed in a
 26 nursing program that educates Bachelor of Science in Nursing or
 27 higher degree students. To be eligible for an award, the faculty
 28 member must be certified by the nursing program to have been
 29 employed full time the prior academic year and to be in good
 30 standing and recommended for continued employment in the current
 31 academic year. The amount of the award shall be determined
 32 annually based on available funds, but shall not exceed \$5000 for
 33 the master's degree prepared faculty members and \$10,000 for
 34 doctoral prepared faculty members. Funds available for
 35 distribution pursuant to the program are contingent upon a one-
 36 to-one match of private contributions.

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 38 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

39 And the title is amended as follows:

40 Delete line(s) 17

41 and insert:

42 program; providing an appropriation; creating the Nursing
 43 Education Faculty Enhancement Program; providing
 44 legislative intent; provides guidelines for program;
 45 specifies role of the Agency for Workforce Innovation;
 46 establishes grant amounts; providing a