

Amend CSHB 1, Article III, Page III-51, Rider 22, under the appropriation for the Higher Education Coordinating Board, by adding the following new subsection (a) and renumbering the remaining subsection accordingly:

a. For fiscal year 2004, funding shall be provided for institutions which experience an increase in weighted semester credit hours in RN professional nursing courses greater than 3 percent between Fall 2002 and Fall 2003 semesters. For fiscal year 2005, funding shall be provided for growth in weighted semester credit hours in RN professional nursing courses greater than 6 percent between Fall 2002 and Fall 2004 semesters. This subsection should be fully funded prior to providing funding under subsection (b).