

1-1 By: Howard of Travis (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 3443
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3443 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the Texas hospital-based nursing education partnership
1-11 grant program.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding
1-14 Subchapter EE to read as follows:

1-15 SUBCHAPTER EE. TEXAS HOSPITAL-BASED NURSING EDUCATION
1-16 PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

1-17 Sec. 61.9751. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-18 (1) "Hospital-based nursing education partnership"
1-19 means a partnership that:

1-20 (A) consists of one or more hospitals in this
1-21 state that are not owned, maintained, or operated by the federal or
1-22 state government or an agency of the federal or state government and
1-23 one or more nursing education programs in this state; and

1-24 (B) serves to increase graduation rates for each
1-25 nursing education program in the partnership.

1-26 (2) "Nursing education program" means an
1-27 undergraduate professional nursing program or a graduate
1-28 professional nursing program as those terms are defined by Section
1-29 54.221.

1-30 Sec. 61.9752. PROGRAM: ESTABLISHMENT; ADMINISTRATION;
1-31 PURPOSE. (a) The Texas hospital-based nursing education
1-32 partnership grant program is established.

1-33 (b) The board shall administer the program in accordance
1-34 with this subchapter and rules adopted under this subchapter.

1-35 (c) Under the program, the board shall make grants to
1-36 hospital-based nursing education partnerships to assist those
1-37 partnerships to meet the state's needs for registered nurses by
1-38 increasing the number of nursing education program graduates
1-39 through innovative instruction through collaboration between
1-40 hospitals and nursing education programs and the use of the
1-41 existing expertise and facilities of those hospitals and programs.

1-42 Sec. 61.9753. GRANTS: CONDITIONS; LIMITATIONS. (a) The
1-43 board may make a grant under this subchapter to a hospital-based
1-44 nursing education partnership only if the board determines that:

1-45 (1) the partnership will meet applicable board and
1-46 Board of Nurse Examiners standards for instruction and student
1-47 competency for the associate, bachelor of science, or master of
1-48 science nursing degree granted by each nursing education program
1-49 participating in the partnership;

1-50 (2) each nursing education program participating in
1-51 the partnership will, as a result of the partnership, enroll in the
1-52 nursing education program a sufficient number of additional
1-53 students as established by the board;

1-54 (3) the marginal cost to the state of producing a
1-55 graduate of a nursing education program participating in the
1-56 partnership will be comparable, as determined under criteria
1-57 established by board rule, to the marginal cost to the state of
1-58 producing a graduate of a nursing education program not
1-59 participating in a partnership;

1-60 (4) each hospital participating in a partnership with
1-61 a nursing education program will provide to students enrolled in
1-62 the program clinical placements that:

1-63 (A) allow the students to take part in providing

2-1 or to observe, as appropriate, medical services offered by the
 2-2 hospital; and
 2-3 (B) meet the clinical education needs of the
 2-4 students; and
 2-5 (5) the partnership will satisfy any other requirement
 2-6 established by board rule.
 2-7 (b) In establishing the cost-comparison criteria under
 2-8 Subsection (a)(3), the board shall exclude reasonable development
 2-9 and initial implementation costs for the infrastructure necessary
 2-10 to support a hospital-based nursing education partnership.
 2-11 (c) A grant under this subchapter may be spent only on
 2-12 costs related to the development or operation of a hospital-based
 2-13 nursing education partnership that:
 2-14 (1) prepares a student to earn an associate or
 2-15 bachelor of science degree in nursing and to achieve initial
 2-16 licensure as a registered nurse, including by providing an
 2-17 accelerated program to prepare a student to earn a bachelor of
 2-18 science degree in nursing;
 2-19 (2) prepares a student to earn a master of science
 2-20 degree in nursing with a concentration in education; or
 2-21 (3) provides an articulation program providing for
 2-22 advancement from an associate degree to a bachelor of science
 2-23 degree in nursing or to a master of science degree in nursing with a
 2-24 concentration in education.
 2-25 (d) A hospital-based nursing education partnership shall
 2-26 return to the board money granted to the partnership under this
 2-27 subchapter that the partnership does not spend on eligible costs
 2-28 under Subsection (c). As the board determines appropriate to best
 2-29 achieve the purposes of these programs, the board may:
 2-30 (1) use the money to make grants to other
 2-31 hospital-based nursing education partnerships;
 2-32 (2) use the money to make grants under the
 2-33 professional nursing shortage reduction program established under
 2-34 Subchapter Z; or
 2-35 (3) transfer the money to the permanent fund for
 2-36 higher education nursing, allied health, and other health-related
 2-37 programs established under Subchapter C, Chapter 63, for use in
 2-38 making grants under that subchapter.
 2-39 Sec. 61.9754. PRIORITY FOR FUNDING. In awarding a grant
 2-40 under this subchapter, the board shall give priority to a
 2-41 hospital-based nursing education partnership that submits a
 2-42 proposal that:
 2-43 (1) provides for collaborative educational models
 2-44 between one or more participating hospitals and one or more
 2-45 participating nursing education programs that have signed a
 2-46 memorandum of understanding or other written agreement under which
 2-47 the participants agree to comply with standards established by the
 2-48 board, including any standards the board may establish that:
 2-49 (A) provide for program management that offers a
 2-50 centralized decision-making process allowing for inclusion of each
 2-51 entity participating in the partnership;
 2-52 (B) provide for access to clinical training
 2-53 positions for students in nursing education programs that are not
 2-54 participating in the partnership; and
 2-55 (C) specify the details of any requirement
 2-56 relating to a student in a nursing education program participating
 2-57 in the partnership being employed after graduation in a hospital
 2-58 participating in the partnership, including any details relating to
 2-59 the employment of students who do not complete the program, are not
 2-60 offered a nursing position at the hospital, or choose to pursue
 2-61 other employment;
 2-62 (2) includes a demonstrable education model to:
 2-63 (A) increase the number of students enrolled in,
 2-64 the number of students graduating from, and the number of nursing
 2-65 faculty employed by each nursing education program participating in
 2-66 the partnership; and
 2-67 (B) improve student retention in each nursing
 2-68 education program;
 2-69 (3) indicates the availability of money to match all

3-1 or a portion of the grant money, including matching money from a
3-2 hospital, private or nonprofit entity, or institution of higher
3-3 education;

3-4 (4) can be replicated by other hospital-based nursing
3-5 education partnerships or nursing education programs; and

3-6 (5) includes plans for sustainability of the
3-7 partnership beyond the end of the grant period.

3-8 Sec. 61.9755. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS. In addition to
3-9 money appropriated by the legislature, the board may solicit,
3-10 receive, and spend grants, gifts, and donations from any public or
3-11 private source for the purposes of this subchapter.

3-12 Sec. 61.9756. RULES. The board shall adopt rules for the
3-13 administration of the Texas hospital-based nursing education
3-14 partnership grant program. The rules must include:

3-15 (1) provisions relating to applying for a grant under
3-16 this subchapter; and

3-17 (2) standards of accountability to be met by any
3-18 hospital-based nursing education partnership awarded a grant under
3-19 this subchapter.

3-20 Sec. 61.9757. APPROVAL AS NURSING EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM.
3-21 The board and the Board of Nurse Examiners shall establish a single
3-22 application process under which a hospital-based nursing education
3-23 partnership may apply both for approval as a pilot program under
3-24 Section 301.1605, Occupations Code, and for a grant under this
3-25 subchapter.

3-26 Sec. 61.9758. ANNUAL REPORT. Each hospital-based nursing
3-27 education partnership that receives a grant under this subchapter
3-28 shall submit to the board an annual report that includes
3-29 information required by board rule, including information
3-30 concerning the extent to which during the reporting period the
3-31 partnership has complied with accountability standards established
3-32 by the board.

3-33 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
3-34 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
3-35 adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the Texas
3-36 hospital-based nursing education partnership grant program
3-37 established under Subchapter EE, Chapter 61, Education Code, as
3-38 added by this Act.

3-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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