

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 289
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2007; January 30, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 12, 2007, reported favorably from Committee on Education by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 12, 2007, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the use of professional nursing shortage reduction
1-10 program grants to encourage clinical nursing instruction by
1-11 part-time faculty at public or private institutions of higher
1-12 education.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 61.9623, Education Code,
1-15 is amended to read as follows:

1-16 (a) A grant from the professional nursing shortage
1-17 reduction program to a professional nursing program or other entity
1-18 involved with a professional nursing program in the preparation of
1-19 students for initial licensure as registered nurses must be:

1-20 (1) expended exclusively on costs related to:

1-21 (A) enrolling additional students;

1-22 (B) nursing faculty enhancement in accordance
1-23 with Section 61.96231;

1-24 (C) encouraging innovation in the recruitment
1-25 and retention of students, including the recruitment and retention
1-26 of Spanish-speaking and bilingual students; or

1-27 (D) identifying, developing, or implementing
1-28 innovative methods to make the most effective use of limited
1-29 professional nursing program faculty, instructional or clinical
1-30 space, and other resources, including:

1-31 (i) sharing administrative or
1-32 instructional personnel, facilities, and responsibilities between
1-33 two or more professional nursing programs located in the same
1-34 region of this state; and

1-35 (ii) using preceptors or part-time faculty
1-36 to provide clinical instruction in order to address the need for
1-37 qualified [~~reduce the number of new~~] faculty [~~needed~~] to
1-38 accommodate increased student enrollment in the professional
1-39 nursing program;

1-40 (2) contingent on the professional nursing program's
1-41 having been approved as a professional nursing program by the board
1-42 or the Board of Nurse Examiners, as appropriate, by September 1,
1-43 2001;

1-44 (3) contingent on the professional nursing program's
1-45 not being on probation with the Board of Nurse Examiners or other
1-46 accrediting body; and

1-47 (4) if granted to increase enrollments, contingent on
1-48 the professional nursing program's ability to enroll additional
1-49 students, including having the necessary classroom space and
1-50 clinical slots.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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