

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 365
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 365 By: Patrick

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

1-10 relating to the creation and implementation of the health
1-11 professional education 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 FF to read as follows:

1-15 SUBCHAPTER FF. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

1-16 Sec. 61.9781. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "eligible
1-17 health professional education program" means:

1-18 (1) an accredited physician residency training
1-19 program;

1-20 (2) an accredited professional nursing program that
1-21 prepares students for initial licensure as registered nurses;

1-22 (3) an accredited vocational nursing program that
1-23 prepares students for licensure as licensed vocational nurses;

1-24 (4) an accredited advanced nurse practitioner program
1-25 leading to registration with the Board of Nurse Examiners as an
1-26 advanced nurse practitioner;

1-27 (5) an undergraduate or graduate physician assistant
1-28 program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on
1-29 Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor; or

1-30 (6) an accredited undergraduate or graduate allied
1-31 health program that prepares students to practice as allied health
1-32 professionals, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 295p.

1-33 Sec. 61.9782. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION GRANTS;
1-34 PURPOSE. (a) The board may award health professional education
1-35 grants to eligible health professional education programs at
1-36 institutions of higher education to:

1-37 (1) assist the programs in:

1-38 (A) providing new distance learning or
1-39 community-based education projects or activities; or

1-40 (B) expanding or enhancing existing distance
1-41 learning or community-based education projects or activities; and

1-42 (2) fund other related activities.

1-43 (b) The board may not award a grant under this section to
1-44 replace current funding for an existing distance learning or
1-45 community-based education project or activity.

1-46 Sec. 61.9783. USE OF GRANT. A grant awarded under this
1-47 subchapter may be used only for a purpose described by Section
1-48 61.9782.

1-49 Sec. 61.9784. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The board may appoint an
1-50 advisory committee to advise the board on successful strategies for
1-51 assisting eligible health professional education programs in
1-52 providing, expanding, or enhancing distance learning or
1-53 community-based education projects or activities.

1-54 Sec. 61.9785. ANNUAL REPORTS. (a) At the end of each
1-55 academic year for which an eligible health professional education
1-56 program is awarded a grant under this subchapter and in the form the
1-57 board requires, the program shall provide to the board a written
1-58 report regarding the use of the grant.

1-59 (b) Not later than October 31 of each year, the board shall
1-60 provide to the governor and the legislature a written report
1-61 consolidated from the reports submitted to the board under
1-62 Subsection (a).

1-63 SECTION 2. Beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, the

2-1 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall award grants under
2-2 the health professional education grant program created under
2-3 Subchapter FF, Chapter 61, Education Code, as added by this Act.
2-4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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