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S.B. No. 992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of money from the permanent fund for
3 health-related programs to provide grants to nursing education
4 programs.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Sections 63.202(f) and (g), Education Code, are
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (f) Notwithstanding the limitation provided by Subsection
9 (b), grants awarded under Subsection (c) for the state fiscal
10 biennium ending on August 31, 2009 [~~2005~~], and the fiscal biennium
11 ending on August 31, 2011 [~~2007~~], by the Texas Higher Education
12 Coordinating Board shall be awarded to programs preparing students
13 for initial licensure as registered nurses or programs preparing
14 qualified faculty members with a master's or doctoral degree for
15 the program, including programs at two-year institutions of higher
16 education, four-year general academic teaching institutions,
17 health science centers, and independent or private institutions of
18 higher education. In awarding grants under this subsection, the
19 coordinating board may:

20 (1) give priority to institutions proposing to address
21 the shortage of registered nurses by promoting innovation in
22 education, recruitment, and retention of nursing students and
23 qualified faculty;

24 (2) award grants on a competitive basis; and

1 (3) consider the availability of matching funds.

2 (g) Subsection (f) and this subsection expire September 1,
3 2011 [~~2007~~].

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