

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 992
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2007; March 7, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 April 23, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 15,
1-5 Nays 0; April 23, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the use of money from the permanent fund for
1-9 health-related programs to provide grants to nursing education
1-10 programs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsections (f) and (g), Section 63.202,
1-13 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-14 (f) Notwithstanding the limitation provided by Subsection
1-15 (b), grants awarded under Subsection (c) for the state fiscal
1-16 biennium ending on August 31, 2009 [~~2005~~], and the fiscal biennium
1-17 ending on August 31, 2011 [~~2007~~], by the Texas Higher Education
1-18 Coordinating Board shall be awarded to programs preparing students
1-19 for initial licensure as registered nurses or programs preparing
1-20 qualified faculty members with a master's or doctoral degree for
1-21 the program, including programs at two-year institutions of higher
1-22 education, four-year general academic teaching institutions,
1-23 health science centers, and independent or private institutions of
1-24 higher education. In awarding grants under this subsection, the
1-25 coordinating board may:

1-26 (1) give priority to institutions proposing to address
1-27 the shortage of registered nurses by promoting innovation in
1-28 education, recruitment, and retention of nursing students and
1-29 qualified faculty;

1-30 (2) award grants on a competitive basis; and

1-31 (3) consider the availability of matching funds.

1-32 (g) Subsection (f) and this subsection expire September 1,
1-33 2011 [~~2007~~].

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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