

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Howard of Travis

H.B. No. 3443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

SUBCHAPTER EE. TEXAS HOSPITAL-BASED NURSING EDUCATION

PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Sec. 61.9751. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

3        (c) Under the program, the board shall make grants to  
4 hospital-based nursing education partnerships to assist those  
5 partnerships to meet the state's needs for registered nurses by  
6 increasing the number of nursing education program graduates  
7 through innovative instruction through collaboration between  
8 hospitals and nursing education programs and the use of the  
9 existing expertise and facilities of those hospitals and programs.

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

13            (1) the partnership will meet applicable board and  
14 Board of Nurse Examiners standards for instruction and student  
15 competency for the associate, bachelor of science, or master of  
16 science nursing degree granted by each nursing education program  
17 participating in the partnership;

18            (2) each nursing education program participating in  
19 the partnership will, as a result of the partnership, enroll in the  
20 nursing education program a sufficient number of additional  
21 students as established by the board;

22            (3) the marginal cost to the state of producing a  
23 graduate of a nursing education program participating in the  
24 partnership will be comparable, as determined under criteria  
25 established by board rule, to the marginal cost to the state of  
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6 hospital; and

7                   (B) meet the clinical education needs of the  
8 students; and

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10 established by board rule.

11           (b) In establishing the cost-comparison criteria under  
12 Subsection (a)(3), the board shall exclude reasonable development  
13 and initial implementation costs for the infrastructure necessary  
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15           (c) A grant under this subchapter may be spent only on  
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3 return to the board money granted to the partnership under this  
4 subchapter that the partnership does not spend on eligible costs  
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6 achieve the purposes of these programs, the board may:

7 (1) use the money to make grants to other  
8 hospital-based nursing education partnerships;

9 (2) use the money to make grants under the  
10 professional nursing shortage reduction program established under  
11 Subchapter Z; or

12 (3) transfer the money to the permanent fund for  
13 higher education nursing, allied health, and other health-related  
14 programs established under Subchapter C, Chapter 63, for use in  
15 making grants under that subchapter.

16 Sec. 61.9754. PRIORITY FOR FUNDING. In awarding a grant  
17 under this subchapter, the board shall give priority to a  
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19 proposal that:

20 (1) provides for collaborative educational models  
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25 board, including any standards the board may establish that:

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21 information required by board rule, including information  
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23 partnership has complied with accountability standards established  
24 by the board.

25 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
26 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
27 adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the Texas

1 hospital-based nursing education partnership grant program  
2 established under Subchapter EE, Chapter 61, Education Code, as  
3 added by this Act.

4 SECTION 3. 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.

ADOPTED

MAY 23 2007

*Leta Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Howard D. West

H.B. No. 3443

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3443:

By: Ed Shepley

C.S.H.B. No. 3443

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ADOPTED

*Roger W. N.*

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

MAY 23 2007 BY:

*Lotay Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

Amend C.S.H.B. 3443 (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, between "increase" and "graduation," (page 1, line 24) insert "the number of students enrolled in and".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill between "program," (page 1, line 35) and "the," insert "to the extent funds are available under Section 61.9755,".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill by adding by adding the following new subsection (4) to Section 61.9754, and renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly:

(4) provides for completion of a class admitted under this project to be funded by all members of the partnership if the funded project ends before the class graduation date;

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike "end of the" (page 3, line 7).

(5) In SECTION 1 of the bill, substitute Sec. 61.9758 (page 3, lines 26-32) with a new Sec. 61.9758 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.9758. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) Each hospital-based nursing education partnership that receives a grant under this subchapter shall submit to the board narrative and financial reports that include information concerning the extent to which during the reporting period the partnership has complied with accountability standards established by the board.

(b) Not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, the board shall submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives. The report shall include a list and description of partnerships created under this subchapter, and the number of new nursing student enrollees.

(6) In SECTION 1 of the bill, following Sec. 61.9758, add the following:

Sec. 61.9759. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. A reasonable amount, not to exceed three percent, of any money appropriated for purposes of this subchapter may be used to pay the costs of administering this subchapter.

(7) In SECTION 2 of the bill, insert "The board may adopt the initial rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules." after "Act." (page 3, line 38).

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 18, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3443** by Howard, Donna (Relating to the Texas hospital-based nursing education partnership grant program. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3443, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$7,430,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2008	(\$3,715,000)
2009	(\$3,715,000)
2010	(\$3,850,000)
2011	(\$6,350,000)
2012	(\$7,004,810)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</b>
2008	(\$3,715,000)
2009	(\$3,715,000)
2010	(\$3,850,000)
2011	(\$6,350,000)
2012	(\$7,004,810)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would establish a hospital-based nursing education partnership grant program. Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board would make grants to hospital-based nursing education partnerships to assist those partnerships in meeting the state's needs for registered nurses.

The partnerships would be required to meet Higher Education Coordinating Board and Board of Nursing Examiners standards. A grant under the program could only be spent on costs related to the development or operation of a hospital based nursing education partnership that; 1) prepares a student to earn an associate or bachelor of science degree in nursing and to achieve initial licensure as a registered nurse, 2) prepares a student to earn a master of science degree in nursing with a concentration in education or 3) provides a articulation program providing for advancement from an



associate degree to a bachelor of science degree in nursing or to a master of science degree in nursing with a concentration in education.

The Coordinating Board would be required to submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives which details the partnerships created under the bill.

The bill also provides that up to 3 percent of the money appropriated for the bill may be used to pay administrative costs associated with the program.

### **Methodology**

Based on previous nursing education grant competitions, the Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates appropriate grant program funding levels based on the following assumptions:

The Board would conduct two grant competitions, beginning in fiscal year 2008. One would be a competition for large, three-year grants, each averaging \$500,000 per year, for the period of fiscal year 2008, 2009, and 2010. The Coordinating Board would expect to receive nine proposals in the competition and award five grants. The competition would be repeated for the grant period for fiscal year 2011-2013. The Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates that, in this second round of grant competition, 10 proposals would receive grant awards, each averaging \$500,000 per year, for that three-year period.

The second competition to be held in fiscal year 2008 would be for smaller, two-year grants, each averaging \$135,000 per year, for 2008 and 2009. The Coordinating Board would receive 18 proposals in the competition and award nine grants. The competition would be repeated for fiscal year 2010-11 and fiscal year 2012-13. They estimate that 10 proposals would receive grant awards, each averaging \$135,000 per year, for the second round of two-year grants to be awarded in fiscal year 2010. In fiscal year 2012, 15 proposals would receive grants, each averaging \$135,000 per year, for the third round of two-year grants to be awarded.

Based on these assumptions, the Coordinating Board estimates that grant funding needed for the five-year period is as follows: \$3.7 million in both fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2009; \$3.8 million in fiscal year 2010; \$6.3 million in fiscal year 2011; and \$7 million in fiscal year 2012.

Since the bill provides that administrative costs (up to 3 percent) associated with administering the program can be covered by the appropriation for the program, it assumed any costs for the Higher Education Coordinating Board and Board of Nursing Examiners would be covered by the grant funding.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 507 Board of Nurse Examiners, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration

**LBB Staff:** JOB, CL, MN, RT, GO



**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

Austin, Texas

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

May 16, 2007

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB3443** by Howard, Donna (Relating to the Texas hospital-based nursing education partnership grant program.), **As Engrossed**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3443, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$7,869,304) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2008	(\$3,934,652)
2009	(\$3,934,652)
2010	(\$4,069,652)
2011	(\$6,569,652)
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<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007</b>
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The Coordinating Board also estimates it would need to hire one Program Director and one Administrative Assistant III (2 FTEs total) to administer the program. Total costs associated with salaries and benefits, overhead, and travel for the additional FTEs is \$138,678 per year. The Board of Nurse Examiners estimates it would need one additional program specialist to implement provisions of the bill at a cost of \$80,974 per year for salary, benefits and travel.

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April 27, 2007

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Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007
2008	3.0
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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would establish a hospital-based nursing education partnership grant program. Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board would make grants to hospital-based nursing education partnerships to assist those partnerships in meeting the state's needs for registered nurses. The partnerships would be required to meet Higher Education Coordinating Board and Board of Nursing Examiners standards. A grant under the program could only be spent on costs related to the development or operation of a hospital based nursing education partnership that: 1) prepares a student to earn an associate or bachelor of science degree in nursing and to achieve initial licensure as a registered nurse, 2) prepares a student to earn a master of science degree in nursing with a concentration in education or 3) provides a articulation program providing for advancement from an associate degree to a bachelor of science degree in nursing or to a master of science degree in nursing with a concentration in education. Each hospital-based nursing education partnership that receives a grant would be required to submit an annual report including information, including compliance with accountability standards, established by the Coordinating Board.

## **Methodology**

Based on previous nursing education grant competitions, the Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates appropriate grant program funding levels based on the following assumptions:

The Board would conduct two grant competitions, beginning in fiscal year 2008. One would be a competition for large, three-year grants, each averaging \$500,000 per year, for the period of fiscal year 2008, 2009, and 2010. The Coordinating Board would expect to receive nine proposals in the competition and award five grants. The competition would be repeated for the grant period for fiscal year 2011-2013. The Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates that, in this second round of grant competition, 10 proposals would receive grant awards, each averaging \$500,000 per year, for that three-year period.

The second competition to be held in fiscal year 2008 would be for smaller, two-year grants, each averaging \$135,000 per year, for 2008 and 2009. The Coordinating Board would receive 18 proposals in the competition and award nine grants. The competition would be repeated for fiscal year 2010-11 and fiscal year 2012-13. They estimate that 10 proposals would receive grant awards, each averaging \$135,000 per year, for the second round of two-year grants to be awarded in fiscal year 2010. In fiscal year 2012, 15 proposals would receive grants, each averaging \$135,000 per year, for the third round of two-year grants to be awarded.

Based on these assumptions, the Coordinating Board estimates that grant funding needed for the five-year period is as follows: \$3.7 million in both fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2009; \$3.8 million in fiscal year 2010; \$6.3 million in fiscal year 2011; and \$7 million in fiscal year 2012.

The Coordinating Board also estimates it would need to hire one Program Director and one Administrative Assistant III (2 FTEs total) to administer the program. Total costs associated with salaries and benefits, overhead, and travel for the additional FTEs is \$138,678 per year. The Board of Nurse Examiners estimates it would need one additional program specialist to implement provisions of the bill at a cost of \$80,974 per year for salary, benefits and travel.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 507 Board of Nurse Examiners, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration

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**TO:** Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3443** by Howard, Donna (Relating to the creation of the Texas Hospital-Based Nursing Education Partnership Grant Program.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3443, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$7,869,304) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

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The bill creates the Texas Hospital-Based Nursing Education Partnership Grant Program to increase

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the number of nurses in Texas by fostering innovation through partnership models between non state or federally owned and operated hospitals and accredited nursing education programs at institutions of higher education. Grant funds must be expended on costs related to the development and operation of nursing programs that lead to initial licensure as a registered nurse and must confer associate degrees or bachelors degrees in nursing. Funds may also be used to support bridge programs for associate degree to undergraduate and/or masters degrees in nursing as well as to fund accelerated Bachelor of Science nursing degree programs. A grant from the hospital-based nursing education partnership program is contingent on the hospital-based nursing education partnership program having been approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Board of Nurse Examiners.

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