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H.B. No. 2612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to salary supplements and enhancements for qualified  
3 professional nursing program faculty members at public junior  
4 colleges.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 61.96231(c), Education Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) In awarding a grant under this section, the board:

9 (1) shall give priority to providing to qualified  
10 professional nursing program faculty members at public junior  
11 colleges salary supplements and enhancements in an amount and  
12 manner that achieves parity of their salaries with the salaries of  
13 similar faculty members at general academic teaching institutions  
14 and medical and dental units; and

15 (2) subject to the priority provided by Subdivision  
16 (1), may require matching funds from [a] professional nursing  
17 programs at institutions of higher education other than public  
18 junior colleges [program] or may give preference [in awarding a  
19 grant] to professional nursing programs at those institutions [a  
20 program] providing matching funds.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.