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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1401 |
| By: Howard |
| Appropriations |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been noted that the current dedication of funds from the permanent fund for higher education nursing, allied health, and other health-related programs to nursing education programs is set to expire soon. H.B. 1401 seeks to continue this dedication to support nursing education. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 1401 amends the Education Code to extend the period for the award of grants from the permanent fund for higher education nursing, allied health, and other health-related programs to programs preparing students for initial licensure as registered nurses or programs preparing qualified faculty members with a master's or doctoral degree for the program to include the 2020-2021 state fiscal biennium and the 2022-2023 state fiscal biennium. The bill postpones the expiration date of the statutory provision relating to such grants from September 1, 2019, to September 1, 2023. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |