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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2980:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the award of grants by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to increase the availability of clinical education practice sites for certain nursing students.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.96234 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.96234.  GRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION GRANTS. (a) Under the professional nursing shortage reduction program, the board may award graduate nursing education grants to institutions of higher education with a graduate professional nursing program to fund innovative approaches to increasing the availability of clinical education practice sites for graduate professional nursing students.

(b)  The board shall require an institution of higher education that receives a grant under this section to submit periodic reports describing the outcomes of the activities funded through the grant.

(c)  The legislature may appropriate money for purposes of this section. The board may use funds appropriated for the professional nursing shortage reduction program and funds returned to the board under Section 61.96232(e) for purposes of this section.

(d)  The board shall adopt rules for the administration of this section.

(e)  Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, the board shall submit to the legislature a report regarding the outcomes of the activities funded through the graduate nursing education grants awarded under this section.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.