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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an incentive program to fund innovative solutions for clinical education of graduate nurses.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 61, Subchapter Z, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.9630 read as follows:

Sec. 61.9630.  GRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION GRANTS. (a) Using funds appropriated for this purpose, and funds returned to the board under Subsection 61.9629(e), the board shall administer a grant program to fund innovative approaches for increasing the availability of clinical education practice sites for graduate nurses.

(b)  The board shall require a grant recipient to submit periodic reports describing the outcome of the activities funded through the grant.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.