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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) in Article
2 III of the bill, following the appropriations to the Higher
3 Education Coordinating Board, by striking Rider 26, Professional
4 Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (page III-59), and substituting
5 the following:

6 26. Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. (a)
7 Out of money appropriated above for Strategy D.1.6, Professional
8 Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, the Higher Education
9 Coordinating Board may not allocate more than 5 percent of the funds
10 for each state fiscal year for administrative expenses. The board
11 shall reduce proportionately the amounts allocated in Subsections
12 (b), (c), and (d) of this rider based on the amount of funds the
13 board allocates for program administration.

14 (b) Growth Tier. Out of money appropriated above in Strategy
15 D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, the Higher
16 Education Coordinating Board shall allocate 60 percent of the funds
17 for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, to be
18 distributed in an equitable manner to institutions of higher
19 education with educational programs related to nursing, including
20 institutions graduating their first nursing class, based on
21 increases in the numbers of students graduating from programs at
22 the institutions with degrees in nursing. Students graduating with
23 degrees in nursing include graduates who are seeking initial
24 licensure and have completed a bachelor's degree or a registered
25 nurse to bachelor of science in nursing degree program. The board
26 shall apply a weight of 1.5 for increased graduates in nursing
27 educator programs identified with a Classification of
28 Instructional Program code of 51.3808 and 51.3817. The board shall
29 allocate up to 50 percent of the amounts allocated under this

1 subsection of this rider in each fiscal year of the biennium and any
2 unexpended amounts resulting at the end of a fiscal year to
3 community colleges.

4 (c) Production Tier. Out of funds appropriated above in
5 Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program,
6 the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate 10 percent
7 of the funds for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, and
8 10 percent of the funds for the state fiscal year ending August 31,
9 2025, to be distributed in an equitable manner to institutions of
10 higher education with educational programs related to nursing based
11 on the total number of students graduating each year from programs
12 at the institutions with degrees in nursing. Students graduating
13 with degrees in nursing include graduates who are seeking initial
14 licensure and have completed a bachelor's degree or a registered
15 nurse to bachelor of science in nursing degree program.

16 (d) Faculty Tier. Out of funds appropriated above in
17 Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program,
18 the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate 10 percent
19 of the funds for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, and
20 10 percent of the funds for the state fiscal year ending August 31,
21 2025, to be distributed in an equitable manner to institutions of
22 higher education with educational programs related to nursing based
23 on the total number of students graduating each year from programs
24 at the institutions with doctoral-level degrees in nursing.

25 (e) In the allocations distributed under Subsections (b)
26 (Growth Tier) and (c) (Production Tier) of this rider, the Higher
27 Education Coordinating Board shall apply the following weights to
28 students graduating with degrees in nursing that are counted for
29 purposes of the formula calculations for purposes of each
30 respective subsection:

31 (1) 2.5 for prelicensure graduates of Bachelor's of

1 Science in Nursing programs;

2 (2) 2.0 for graduates of Associate's Degree in Nursing
3 Programs;

4 (3) 1.5 for graduates of Registered Nurse to
5 Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, Master's of Science in Nursing
6 Education, and Doctor of Philosophy programs (CIP codes 51.3808 and
7 51.3817);

8 (4) 0.5 for Advanced Practice Registered Nursing
9 graduate degree programs; and

10 (5) 1.0 for all other nursing graduates.

11 (f) For purposes of Higher Education Coordinating Board
12 expenditures, any funds not expended in the state fiscal year
13 ending August 31, 2024, may be expended in the state fiscal year
14 ending August 31, 2025, for the same purposes. If an institution
15 spends funds on non-qualifying expenditures or does not spend the
16 funds within the designated time frame determined by the board, the
17 institution shall return the unexpended funds to the board by the
18 date specified by board rule. The board shall reallocate any
19 unexpended funds returned to the board under this subsection of
20 this rider to other qualified programs. Each institution of higher
21 education that receives funds allocated under this rider shall
22 submit to the board a detailed accounting of funds received,
23 obligated, or expended by the institution.

24 (g) The Higher Education Coordinating Board may not include
25 nonresident students who are enrolled in online professional
26 nursing programs while residing outside of the state in
27 methodologies used to calculate program awards described in
28 Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this rider.