

HOUSE BILL No. 1216

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-18-18; IC 25-1-5-12.

Synopsis: Funding for the development of health professions. Establishes the linking industry to nursing education fund (fund) for the purpose of expanding nursing education opportunities. Defines terms and provides administrative provisions for the fund. Requires the commission for higher education (commission), before August 1, 2023, to develop an application for a competitive grant program that matches contributions from a health care entity to an educational institution on a dollar for dollar basis from the fund. Provides that the application may be submitted by any educational institution and must require the educational institution to include the expected number of additional students the educational institution will be able to accept into its nursing education program as a result of the matching program. Requires the commission to approve an application if sufficient funds are available and if the matching grant will be used by the educational institution for certain purposes. Provides that a partial grant may be awarded. Requires the commission to make an annual report of certain information to the legislative council. Provides that a matching grant may not be used for the construction of a new building or the renovation of an existing building. Requires the professional licensing agency to retain 80% of all fees collected from new and renewed board licenses and certificates unless a certain amount or percentage of the fee is designated for a specific fund. Requires the agency to use the amount retained to carry out the agency's purposes and to work toward the goal of issuing all new licenses and certificates within 30 days after a complete application is submitted. Appropriates from the state general fund to the commission for higher education \$30,000,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and \$30,000,000 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, to be used for the fund.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

Manning

January 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-18-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]:
4 **Chapter 18. Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund**
5 **Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this**
6 **chapter.**
7 **(b) "Board" refers to the Indiana state board of nursing**
8 **established by IC 25-23-1-2.**
9 **(c) "Educational institution" means an educational institution**
10 **offering a certificate, diploma, or other nondegree credential**
11 **program subject to approval by the board under**
12 **IC 25-23-1-7(a)(2).**
13 **(d) "Fund" refers to the linking industry to nursing education**
14 **fund established by section 2 of this chapter.**
15 **(e) "Health care entity" refers to:**
16 **(1) a hospital or hospital system licensed under:**
17 **(A) IC 16-21;**



- 1 **(B) IC 16-22;**
 2 **(C) IC 16-23; or**
 3 **(D) IC 16-23.5;**
 4 **(2) a psychiatric hospital licensed under IC 12-25;**
 5 **(3) a health facility licensed under IC 16-28;**
 6 **(4) a federally qualified health care center (as defined by 42**
 7 **U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2)(B));**
 8 **(5) an ambulatory outpatient surgical center (as defined by**
 9 **IC 16-18-2-14); or**
 10 **(6) a community mental health center (as defined by**
 11 **IC 12-7-2-38).**
 12 **(f) "Nursing education program" means a certificate, diploma,**
 13 **or other nondegree credential program subject to approval by the**
 14 **board under IC 25-23-1-7(a)(2).**
 15 **Sec. 2. The linking industry to nursing education fund is**
 16 **established for the purpose of expanding nursing education**
 17 **opportunities.**
 18 **Sec. 3. The commission shall administer the fund.**
 19 **Sec. 4. The fund consists of appropriations from the general**
 20 **assembly, gifts, bequests, and other sources of funding.**
 21 **Sec. 5. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does**
 22 **not revert to the state general fund.**
 23 **Sec. 6. Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the**
 24 **purposes of this chapter.**
 25 **Sec. 7. The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid**
 26 **from money in the fund.**
 27 **Sec. 8. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund**
 28 **not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 29 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**
 30 **Sec. 9. Interest that accrues from investments of the fund shall**
 31 **be deposited in the fund.**
 32 **Sec. 10. (a) Before August 1, 2023, the commission shall develop**
 33 **an application for a competitive grant program that matches**
 34 **contributions from a health care entity to an educational institution**
 35 **on a dollar for dollar basis from the fund.**
 36 **(b) The application described in subsection (a) may be**
 37 **submitted by any educational institution and must require the**
 38 **educational institution to include the expected number of**
 39 **additional students the educational institution will be able to accept**
 40 **into its nursing education program as a result of the matching**
 41 **grant under this section.**
 42 **(c) The commission shall approve an application under this**



1 section if:

2 (1) subject to subsection (d), sufficient funds are available in
3 the fund at the time of approval; and

4 (2) the matching grant will be used by the educational
5 institution for one (1) or more of the following purposes:

6 (A) The recruitment of faculty in the educational
7 institution's nursing education program.

8 (B) The retention of faculty in the educational institution's
9 nursing education program.

10 (C) The provision of student scholarships for the
11 educational institution's nursing education program.

12 (D) The acquisition of equipment needed to expand the
13 educational institution's nursing education program.

14 (d) A partial grant may be awarded under this subsection if
15 sufficient funds are not available for a dollar for dollar matching
16 grant.

17 (e) A matching grant awarded under this chapter may not be
18 used for the:

19 (1) construction of a new building; or

20 (2) renovation of an existing building.

21 Sec. 11. Before August 1 of each year, the commission shall
22 report to the legislative council in an electronic format under
23 IC 5-14-6 the following information:

24 (1) The number of educational institutions requesting a
25 matching grant from the fund in the most recent fiscal year.

26 (2) The number of educational institutions approved for a
27 matching grant from the fund in the most recent fiscal year.

28 (3) The dollar amount of matching grants approved from the
29 fund in the most recent fiscal year.

30 (4) The balance in the fund as of June 30 of each year.

31 (5) The expected number of additional students the
32 educational institutions will be able to accept into their
33 nursing education programs as a result of the matching grants
34 awarded under this chapter.

35 SECTION 2. IC 25-1-5-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
36 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
37 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) Beginning July 1, 2023, the agency shall retain
38 eighty percent (80%) of all fees collected from:

39 (1) new licenses and certificates that are issued; and

40 (2) licenses and certificates that are renewed;

41 by each board, unless a certain amount or percentage of the fee is
42 designated for a specific fund.



- 1 **(b) The amount retained under subsection (a) shall remain with**
- 2 **the agency at the end of each state fiscal year and does not revert**
- 3 **to the state general fund.**
- 4 **(c) The agency shall use the amount retained under subsection**
- 5 **(a) to:**
- 6 **(1) carry out the purposes of this chapter; and**
- 7 **(2) work toward the goal of issuing all new licenses and**
- 8 **certificates within thirty (30) days after a complete**
- 9 **application is submitted.**
- 10 **SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023] (a) There is**
- 11 **appropriated from the state general fund to the commission for**
- 12 **higher education thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to be used for**
- 13 **the linking industry to nursing education fund under IC 21-18-18**
- 14 **for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,**
- 15 **2024.**
- 16 **(b) There is appropriated from the state general fund to the**
- 17 **commission for higher education thirty million dollars**
- 18 **(\$30,000,000) to be used for the linking industry to nursing**
- 19 **education fund under IC 21-18-18 for the state fiscal year**
- 20 **beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.**
- 21 **(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2025.**

