

HOUSE BILL 79

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 49, Chapter 4; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to
postsecondary financial assistance for nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new part thereto:

§ 49-4-1101.

(a) The Tennessee student assistance corporation, referred to in this part as TSAC, shall develop, implement and administer a program whereby any nursing school graduate who is a resident of this state and who owes student loans that were incurred to finance such person's nursing school education may have a portion of such student loans repaid by the state in exchange for the performance of community service work that falls within the scope of the nursing school graduate's license pursuant to title 63, chapter 7.

(b) TSAC shall develop a schedule of repayment, which clearly states the dollar amount that will be applied to a nurse's student loans in exchange for the performance of a corresponding unit of community service. The schedule shall be made available to any nurse who participates in the program.

§ 49-4-1102.

(a) TSAC shall develop, implement and administer a program whereby any nursing school graduate who is a resident of this state and who owes student loans that were incurred to finance such person's nursing school education may have all or a portion of such student loans repaid by the state in exchange for

accepting employment with the state that falls within the scope of the nursing school graduate's license pursuant to title 63, chapter 7.

(b) TSAC shall develop a schedule of repayment, which clearly states the dollar amount that will be applied to a nurse's student loans in exchange for the performance of a corresponding unit of employment with the state. The schedule shall be made available to any nurse who participates in the program.

§ 49-4-1103. To effectuate the provisions of this part, TSAC shall have the authority to promulgate any necessary rules and regulations. All rules and regulations provided for in this act shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.