

1 **NURSING INITIATIVE**

2 2018 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

5 House Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill provides a process to provide funding to meet the projected demand for
10 individuals to enter a nursing profession.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
- 14 ▶ requires the Medical Education Council to project the demand for individuals to
15 enter a nursing profession;
- 16 ▶ provides a process for the Legislature to provide funding to certain programs that
17 prepare an individual to enter a nursing profession; and
- 18 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22 None

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24 AMENDS:

25 **53B-24-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 258

26 ENACTS:

27 **53B-26-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



28 [53B-26-202](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **53B-24-303** is amended to read:

32 **53B-24-303. Duties of council.**

33 The council shall:

34 (1) submit an application in accordance with federal law for a demonstration project to
35 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services before December 31, 1997, for the purpose of
36 receiving and disbursing federal funds for direct and indirect graduate medical education
37 expenses;

38 (2) seek private and public contributions for the program;

39 (3) study and recommend options for financing graduate medical education to the
40 ~~[State Board of Regents]~~ board and the Legislature;

41 (4) advise the ~~[State Board of Regents]~~ board and the Legislature on the status and
42 needs of health care professionals in training;

43 (5) determine the method for reimbursing institutions that sponsor health care
44 professionals in training;

45 (6) determine the number and type of positions for health care professionals in training
46 for which program money may be used; ~~[and]~~

47 (7) distribute program money for graduate medical education in a manner that:

48 (a) prepares postgraduate medical residents, as defined by the accreditation council on
49 graduate medical education, for inpatient, outpatient, hospital, community, and geographically
50 diverse settings;

51 (b) encourages the coordination of interdisciplinary clinical training among health care
52 professionals in training;

53 (c) promotes stable funding for the clinical training of health care professionals in
54 training; and

55 (d) only funds accredited clinical training programs~~[-]~~; and

56 (8) project the demand for individuals to enter a nursing profession as described in
57 Section [53B-26-202](#).

58 Section 2. Section **53B-26-201** is enacted to read:

Part 2. Nursing Initiative**53B-26-201. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(1) "Eligible program" means a program that:

(a) prepares an individual for a nursing profession;

(b) is an approved education program, as defined in Section [58-31b-102](#); and

(c) is offered by an institution.

(2) "Full-time" means:

(a) for an institution described in Subsection [53B-1-102](#)(1)(a), the number of credit hours the board determines is full-time enrollment for a student; or

(b) for an institution described in Subsection [53B-1-102](#)(1)(b), 900 membership hours.

(3) "Institution" means an institution of higher education described in Section [53B-1-102](#).

(4) "License classification" means a classification applied to a nursing license described in Section [58-31b-301](#).

(5) "Nursing profession" means a profession for which an individual is required to be licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31, Nurse Practice Act.

(6) "Region" means an economic service area described in Section [35A-2-101](#).

(7) "Program of instruction" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53B-16-102](#).

Section 3. Section **53B-26-202** is enacted to read:

53B-26-202. Medical Education Council reporting requirement -- Proposals -- Funding.

(1) Every even-numbered year, the Medical Education Council created in Section [53B-24-302](#) shall:

(a) project the demand, by license classification, for individuals to enter a nursing profession in each region;

(b) receive input from at least one medical association in developing the projections described in Subsection (1)(a); and

(c) report the projections described in Subsection (1)(a) to:

(i) the State Board of Regents;

90 (ii) the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees; and
91 (iii) the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

92 (2) To receive funding under this section, on or before January 5, an eligible program
93 shall submit to the Legislature, through the budget process for the State Board of Regents or
94 the Utah System of Technical Colleges, as applicable, a proposal that describes:

95 (a) a program of instruction offered by the eligible program that is responsive to a
96 projection described in Subsection (1)(a);

97 (b) the following information about the eligible program:

98 (i) expected student enrollment;

99 (ii) attainment rates;

100 (iii) job placement rates; and

101 (iv) passage rates for exams required for licensure for a nursing profession;

102 (c) the instructional cost per full-time equivalent student enrolled in the eligible
103 program;

104 (d) financial or in-kind contributions to the eligible program from:

105 (i) the health care industry; or

106 (ii) an institution; and

107 (e) a funding request, including justification for the request.

108 (3) The Legislature shall:

109 (a) review a proposal submitted under this section using the following criteria:

110 (i) the proposal:

111 (A) contains the elements described in Subsection (2);

112 (B) expands the capacity to meet the projected demand described in Subsection (1)(a);

113 and

114 (C) has health care industry or institution support; and

115 (ii) the program of instruction described in the proposal:

116 (A) is cost effective;

117 (B) has support from the health care industry or an institution; and

118 (C) has high passage rates on exams required for licensure for a nursing profession;

119 (b) determine the extent to which to fund the proposal; and

120 (c) appropriate the amount of money determined under Subsection (3)(b) to the eligible

121 program's institution.

122 (4) An institution that receives funding under this section shall use the funding to

123 increase the number of students enrolled in the eligible program for which the institution

124 receives funding.

Legislative Review Note
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