

HOUSE BILL No. 4903

June 8, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Dillon, Mayes, Sheltroun, Polidori, Adamini, McDowell, Brown, Gillard, Waters, Gleason, Kehrl, Clemente, Gaffney, Wojno, Stahl, Tobocman and Farrah and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to establish a grant program to support sustained expansion of nursing school enrollment in this state; to provide for the administration of the grant program; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "nursing school expansion act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of community health.

5 (b) "Eligible institution" means a degree- or certificate-
6 granting public or independent nonprofit college or university,
7 junior college, or community college in this state.

1 (c) "Licensed practical nurse" means an individual licensed to
2 engage in the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse as
3 defined in section 17201 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
4 MCL 333.17201.

5 (d) "Nursing school" means a program for the training of
6 individuals to become registered nurses or licensed practical
7 nurses operated in this state by an eligible institution and
8 approved by the Michigan board of nursing.

9 (e) "Registered professional nurse" means that term as defined
10 in section 17201 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
11 333.17201.

12 Sec. 3. The nursing school grant program is created, to be
13 administered by the department. The department shall do all of the
14 following:

15 (a) Award grants to nursing schools pursuant to this act.

16 (b) Develop a form of grant application for use by a nursing
17 school seeking a grant under this act that contains the terms of
18 the grant and the rights and obligations of the nursing school if
19 it is awarded a grant.

20 (c) Conduct periodic audits of grant recipients to ensure
21 compliance with the terms of the grant and take necessary steps to
22 enforce the terms of the grant.

23 (d) Publicize the nursing school grant program.

24 (e) Promulgate rules as necessary to implement this act
25 pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,
26 MCL 24.201 to 24.328. The rules may include additional standards of
27 eligibility for nursing schools to receive grants under this act.

1 Sec. 4. (1) The department may award a grant under this act to
2 a nursing school determined by the department to meet all of the
3 following eligibility criteria:

4 (a) The nursing school is engaged in training of individuals
5 to become registered nurses or licensed practical nurses.

6 (b) The nursing school is operated in this state by an
7 eligible institution.

8 (c) The nursing school is approved by the Michigan board of
9 nursing.

10 (d) The nursing school has enrolled more students in the
11 academic year when the grant application is submitted than in the
12 previous academic year.

13 (e) The nursing school has submitted a written grant
14 application to the department in the form established by the
15 department under section 3(b).

16 (f) The nursing school is in compliance with this act and the
17 rules promulgated under this act.

18 (g) The nursing school meets any other standards established
19 in rules promulgated by the authority under section 3.

20 (2) A grant awarded under this act shall not exceed either of
21 the following, whichever is less:

22 (a) An amount equal to \$7,500.00, multiplied by the increase
23 in student enrollment in the nursing school in the academic year
24 when it submits a grant application from the preceding academic
25 year.

26 (b) An aggregate amount of \$3,750,000.00.

27 (3) A nursing school may only submit 1 grant application in an

1 academic year.

2 (4) A nursing school may only use money received under this
3 act for any of the following purposes:

4 (a) Employment of full-time and part-time faculty and support
5 personnel.

6 (b) Providing clinical supervision at hospitals and other
7 health care facilities.

8 (c) Purchasing instructional equipment, materials, supplies,
9 and software.

10 (d) Providing special preparation classes for nursing
11 graduates taking a state-approved licensing examination.

12 (e) Producing marketing and recruitment materials aimed at
13 attracting qualified students to the nursing school.

14 Sec. 5. (1) The department of treasury shall establish and
15 administer a restricted account in the general fund for the nursing
16 school grant program. The department of treasury shall credit to
17 the account money appropriated from the general fund or received
18 from any other source. The department of treasury shall use the
19 money in the account only to provide money to the department for
20 grants awarded under this act.

21 (2) Money in the account described in subsection (1) at the
22 end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall
23 be carried over in the account to the next fiscal year.