

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2248

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by Representative Turner on behalf of the Kansas Hospital Association

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AN ACT concerning the state board of regents; establishing the Kansas nursing initiative grant program; authorizing the state board of regents to approve need-based or competitive grants for the expansion of nursing faculty, laboratory supplies and tools for student success at postsecondary educational institutions to support postsecondary educational institutions with various instructional and student support costs for nursing courses in programs approved by the board of nursing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "postsecondary educational institution" ~~includes postsecondary educational institutions as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, and any not-for-profit institution of postsecondary education with its main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas, is operated independently and not controlled or administered by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains open enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency for higher education in the United States~~ means a postsecondary educational institution with a physical presence in Kansas that offers a course of instruction in nursing that is both nationally accredited and approved by the board of nursing.

(b) There is hereby established the Kansas nursing initiative grant program. The program shall be administered by the state board of regents. Subject to appropriations therefor, any postsecondary educational institution with an accredited nursing program may submit an application for a need-based or competitive grant of moneys in an amount to be determined by the state board subject to the provisions of this section for the expansion of nursing faculty, laboratory supplies and tools for student success. ~~Grants shall not require any funding match in order to receive funds from this program.~~ The state board shall require a funding match on a dollar-for-dollar basis in order for an institution to be eligible to receive a grant under this program.

(c) ~~The Kansas nursing initiative grant program shall allow postsecondary educational institutions to:~~

(1) ~~Apply for and receive up to \$100,000 for nonconsumable~~

1 laboratory supplies and equipment;

2 ~~(2) expend the grant funds on adjunct clinical instructors, including~~
3 ~~partial funding of an adjunct clinical instructor who may be employed by a~~
4 ~~healthcare facility;~~

5 ~~(3) request funding for tools for student success, including, but not~~
6 ~~limited to, general tutoring, study skills, preparatory skills for taking~~
7 ~~exams and preparatory licensing classes; and~~

8 ~~(4) request funding for student support that may impact a student's~~
9 ~~ability to attend and complete the program, including, but not limited to,~~
10 ~~childcare services.~~

11 ~~(d) In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, the accredited~~
12 ~~nursing program of the institution shall:~~

13 ~~(1) Be nationally accredited;~~

14 ~~(2) be approved by the Kansas board of nursing; and~~

15 ~~(3) have national council licensure examination test scores at or~~
16 ~~above the most recent three-year national average.~~ **Grants from the**
17 **program to postsecondary educational institutions may be used for,**
18 **but shall not be limited to, the following:**

19 **(1) Supplies and equipment needed to deliver courses in the**
20 **nursing program;**

21 **(2) salaries for instructors in the nursing program, including**
22 **adjunct clinical instructors;**

23 **(3) funding for additional faculty in the nursing program;**

24 **(4) professional development for instructors in the nursing**
25 **program;**

26 **(5) student support services, including, but not limited to,**
27 **NCLEX test prep and practice testing, tutoring and study skills; and**

28 **(6) funding for student support that may impact a student's**
29 **ability to attend and complete the program, including, but not limited**
30 **to, childcare services.**

31 ~~(e)(d)~~ **(d)** The institution shall submit to the state board an application for
32 a grant. The application shall be prepared in such form and manner as
33 required by the state board and submitted at a time to be determined and
34 specified by the state board.

35 ~~(f)(e)~~ **(e)** The state board shall establish standards and criteria for
36 reviewing, evaluating and approving applications for grants submitted
37 pursuant to this section. All grants shall be awarded by the state board in
38 accordance with the standards and criteria established by the state board.
39 Within the limitations of appropriations therefor, the state board shall
40 determine the amount and number of grants and be responsible for
41 payment of grants to institutions.

42 ~~(g)(f)~~ **(f)** Each institution that is awarded a grant under this section shall
43 make such periodic and special reports of statistical and financial

1 information to the state board as it may request.

2 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.