

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan Repayment Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 5, and 20 as follows:

(110 ILCS 972/1)

Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Veterans' Home Medical Providers' ~~Nurses'~~ Loan Repayment Act.

(Source: P.A. 95-576, eff. 8-31-07.)

(110 ILCS 972/5)

Sec. 5. Medical Providers ~~Nurse~~ Loan Repayment Program. There is created, ~~beginning July 1, 2007,~~ the Medical Providers ~~Nurse~~ Loan Repayment Program to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The program shall provide assistance, subject to appropriation, to eligible physicians and nurses.

(Source: P.A. 95-576, eff. 8-31-07.)

(110 ILCS 972/20)

Sec. 20. Eligibility.

(a) The Commission shall, on an annual basis, receive and consider applications for grant assistance under the program. An applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the Commission finds that the applicant:

(1) is a United States citizen or permanent resident;

(2) is a resident of Illinois;

(3) is working as a physician, certified nurse practitioner, registered professional nurse, certified nursing assistant, or licensed practical nurse in a State veterans' home;

(4) is a borrower with an outstanding balance due on an educational loan; and

(5) has not defaulted on an educational loan.

(b) Preference may be given to previous recipients of a grant under the program, provided that the recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in this Section.

(c) For each year during which an individual receives a grant under this program, he or she must fulfill a separate 12-month period as a physician, certified nurse practitioner, registered professional nurse, certified nursing assistant, or licensed practical nurse in a State veterans' home.

(Source: P.A. 95-576, eff. 8-31-07.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.