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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1573

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1573 on page 1, by
3 inserting immediately below line 3 the following:

4 "Section 1. The Equity in Long-term Care Quality Act is
5 amended by adding Section 25 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 772/25 new)

7 Sec. 25. Nursing home labor force program.

8 (a) The Department of Public Health, contingent upon
9 approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
10 shall establish a nursing home labor force promotion,
11 expansion, and retention program no later than January 1, 2020
12 using moneys appropriated from the Equity in Long-term Care
13 Quality Fund.

14 (b) Components of the program shall include, but are not
15 limited to: (1) a public relations campaign to encourage people
16 to become nursing home workers; (2) scholarships for certified

1 nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, and registered
2 nurses; and (3) retention incentives for nursing home workers.

3 (c) The Department shall establish partnerships with one or
4 more community colleges or universities to execute the program.
5 Sixty percent of the scholarships provided by the program shall
6 be distributed to candidates living in counties with 3,000,000
7 or more residents. Preferential scholarship consideration
8 shall be given to certified nursing assistants, single parents,
9 and applicants from communities that are economically
10 depressed or that have high percentages of Medicaid
11 beneficiaries, immigrants, or racial or ethnic minorities.

12 (d) The Department shall report to the General Assembly no
13 later than January 30, 2020 on the status of the establishment
14 of the program. No later than January 1, 2021, and each January
15 1 thereafter, the Department shall report to the General
16 Assembly the number of scholarships awarded during the
17 preceding year and the demographics of the awardees."; and

18 on page 9, by inserting immediately below line 17 the
19 following:

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