



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4149

Introduced 2/27/2009, by Rep. Jil Tracy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.85 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that in order to increase the number of nurses who work or specialize in the area of women's health care graduating from approved institutions, requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to establish and administer a tuition assistance program for students accepted for enrollment at approved institutions or for advanced training in the nursing profession in the field of women's health at approved institutions. Requires applicants to have an immediate financial need for the tuition assistance and to be full-time students. Provides that it shall be lawful to condition the tuition assistance upon the recipient's executing an agreement with the Commission to commit at least 5 years of his or her professional career to working in the area of women's health care. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by adding Section 65.85 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.85 new)

7 Sec. 65.85. Women's health care nurse tuition assistance
8 program.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Approved institution" means a public community college,
11 private junior college, hospital based diploma in nursing
12 program, or public or private college or university located in
13 this State that has approval from the Department of Financial
14 and Professional Regulation for an associate degree in nursing
15 program, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing
16 program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program,
17 baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in
18 nursing program, or certificate in practical nursing program.

19 "Full time student" means a student enrolled for at least
20 12 hours per term or as otherwise determined by the approved
21 institution.

22 "Tuition" means the established charges of an approved
23 institution for instruction at that institution.

1 (b) In order to increase the number of nurses who work or
2 specialize in the area of women's health care graduating from
3 approved institutions, the Commission shall establish and
4 administer a tuition assistance program for students accepted
5 for enrollment at approved institutions or for advanced
6 training in the nursing profession in the field of women's
7 health at approved institutions.

8 (c) Applicants for tuition assistance under this Section
9 must be residents of this State who show immediate financial
10 need and who have been accepted for enrollment at an approved
11 institution or for advanced training in the nursing profession
12 in the field of women's health at an approved institution.
13 Applicants must be full-time students.

14 (d) It shall be lawful to condition any tuition assistance
15 under this Section upon the recipient's executing an agreement
16 with the Commission to commit at least 5 years of his or her
17 professional career to working in the area of women's health
18 care.

19 (e) The Commission shall adopt those rules that are
20 necessary for the implementation and administration of this
21 Section.

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