

SENATE BILL No. 188

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-13.

Synopsis: Nursing faculty loan repayment grant program. Establishes the nursing faculty loan repayment grant program (program) to increase the number of nursing faculty in Indiana. Requires the commission for higher education to administer the program. Establishes the nursing faculty loan repayment grant fund. Sets forth requirements for an individual to participate in the program.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-13-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2016,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. "Fund":
4 (1) for purposes of IC 21-13-2, refers to the William A. Crawford
5 minority teacher scholarship fund established by IC 21-13-2-1;
6 (2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, refers to the National Guard
7 tuition supplement program fund established by IC 21-13-4-1;
8 (3) for purposes of IC 21-13-5, refers to the National Guard
9 scholarship extension fund established by IC 21-13-5-1;
10 (4) for purposes of IC 21-13-6, refers to the primary care
11 physician loan forgiveness fund established by IC 21-13-6-3; ~~and~~
12 (5) for purposes of IC 21-13-6.5, refers to the medical residency
13 education fund established by IC 21-13-6.5-1; **and**
14 **(6) for purposes of IC 21-13-9.5, refers to the nursing faculty**
15 **loan repayment grant fund established by IC 21-13-9.5-3.**
16 SECTION 2. IC 21-13-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
17 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



1 JULY 1, 2019]:

2 **Chapter 9.5. Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Grant Program**

3 **Sec. 1. (a) The nursing faculty loan repayment grant program**
 4 **is established for the purpose of increasing the number of**
 5 **educators and adjunct clinical faculty teaching in the field of**
 6 **nursing education in Indiana by assisting in the repayment of**
 7 **qualified student loans.**

8 **(b) The commission shall administer the program. The**
 9 **commission may consult with the Indiana state board of nursing in**
 10 **implementing and administering the program.**

11 **Sec. 2. To qualify for a grant under this chapter to assist in the**
 12 **repayment of student loans, an individual must meet the following**
 13 **requirements:**

14 **(1) Be a resident of Indiana and have resided in Indiana for**
 15 **twelve (12) consecutive months before applying for the grant.**

16 **(2) Be a United States citizen or an alien who is admitted into**
 17 **the United States for lawful, permanent residence.**

18 **(3) Be a registered nurse licensed under IC 25-23.**

19 **(4) Either:**

20 **(A) hold a:**

21 **(i) bachelor's degree in nursing and have practiced in the**
 22 **subject field in which the individual is teaching;**

23 **(ii) graduate degree in nursing; or**

24 **(iii) doctoral degree for qualification as nursing faculty**
 25 **or adjunct clinical faculty; or**

26 **(B) be enrolled in a graduate degree program for**
 27 **qualification as nursing faculty or adjunct clinical faculty.**

28 **(5) Be employed as a nursing faculty member or an adjunct**
 29 **clinical faculty member providing classroom or clinical**
 30 **instruction at a nursing school located in Indiana for the**
 31 **equivalent of at least twelve (12) credit hours during an**
 32 **annual period beginning July 1 and ending June 30.**

33 **(6) Have an outstanding balance on an eligible student loan on**
 34 **an undergraduate, graduate, or doctorate level nursing degree**
 35 **for qualification as nursing faculty or adjunct clinical faculty,**
 36 **that:**

37 **(A) holds a non-default status; and**

38 **(B) is under any Indiana or federal education loan**
 39 **program.**

40 **Sec. 3. (a) The nursing faculty loan repayment grant fund is**
 41 **established to meet the purpose set forth in section 1 of this**
 42 **chapter. The fund consists of the following:**



- 1 **(1) Appropriations from the general assembly.**
 2 **(2) Money collected and deposited in the fund.**
 3 **(3) Gifts to the program.**
 4 **(b) The commission shall administer the fund.**
 5 **(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 6 **money in the fund.**
 7 **(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 8 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 9 **manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from those**
 10 **investments shall be deposited in the fund.**
 11 **(e) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert**
 12 **to the state general fund but remains available to be used to**
 13 **provide money for student loan forgiveness payments under this**
 14 **chapter.**
 15 **Sec. 4. (a) The money in the fund must be used to provide**
 16 **annual student loan forgiveness payments to nurses who meet the**
 17 **requirements set forth in section 2 of this chapter and who are**
 18 **approved by the commission to participate in the program.**
 19 **(b) A grant awarded in a particular year under this chapter is**
 20 **equal to the lesser of the following amounts:**
 21 **(1) The balance of the recipient's total amount of eligible**
 22 **student loans.**
 23 **(2) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000).**
 24 **(c) An individual may not be awarded more than twenty-five**
 25 **thousand dollars (\$25,000) under this program during the**
 26 **individual's lifetime.**
 27 **Sec. 5. Each:**
 28 **(1) applicant under this chapter; and**
 29 **(2) nurse approved under this chapter;**
 30 **shall provide to the commission any information that the**
 31 **commission determines is necessary to administer this chapter.**

