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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3986

02/19/2024 Authored by Bierman, Perryman and Wolgamott The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health care; increasing grant amounts and making other adjustments to
1.3 the dual training competency grant program; modifying the temporary permit
1.4 requirements for respiratory therapist licensure; extending the time a temporary
1.5 permit issued by the Board of Nursing is valid; extending the mental health grants
1.6 for health care professionals program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.7 Statutes 2022, sections 147C.15, subdivision 3; 148.212, subdivision 1; Minnesota
1.8 Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 136A.246, subdivision 8; Laws 2022, chapter
1.9 99, article 1, section 46, subdivision 3, as amended.

1.10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 136A.246, subdivision 8, is
1.12 amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 8. Grant amounts. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the maximum grant
1.14 for an application for the cost of training is \$150,000. The maximum grant for an application
1.15 for trainee support is ten percent of the grant amount for the cost of training. The maximum
1.16 total grant per application is \$165,000. A grant may not exceed \$6,000 per year for a
1.17 maximum of \$24,000 per employee.

1.18 (b) The maximum grant for an application for the cost of training in health care services
1.19 is \$250,000. The maximum grant for an application for health care services trainee support
1.20 is ten percent of the grant amount for the cost of training. The maximum total grant per
1.21 application under this paragraph is \$275,000. A grant under this paragraph may not exceed
1.22 \$10,000 per year for a maximum of \$40,000 per employee.

1.23 (c) An employee who is attending an eligible training provider that is an institution under
1.24 section 136A.103 must apply for Pell and state grants as a condition of payment for training
1.25 that employee under this section.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

2.2 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 147C.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.3 Subd. 3. **Temporary permit.** (a) An applicant for licensure under this section may
 2.4 request the board issue a temporary permit in accordance with this subdivision. Upon receipt
 2.5 of the application for licensure, a request for a temporary permit, and a nonrefundable
 2.6 respiratory therapist application fee as specified under section 147C.40, subdivision 5, the
 2.7 board may issue a temporary permit to practice as a respiratory therapist to an applicant
 2.8 eligible for licensure under this section if the application for licensure is complete, all
 2.9 applicable requirements in this section have been met, and a nonrefundable fee set by the
 2.10 board has been paid applicant is:

2.11 (1) currently licensed to practice as a respiratory therapist in another state, territory, or
 2.12 Canadian province; and

2.13 (2) not subject to a pending investigation or disciplinary action in any state, territory, or
 2.14 Canadian province.

2.15 ~~The~~ (b) A temporary permit remains issued under this subdivision is nonrenewable and
 2.16 valid only until the meeting of the board at which a decision is made on the respiratory
 2.17 therapist's application for licensure or for 90 days, whichever occurs first.

2.18 (c) The board may revoke a temporary permit that has been issued under this subdivision
 2.19 if the applicant is the subject of an investigation or disciplinary action or is disqualified for
 2.20 licensure for any other reason.

2.21 (d) Notwithstanding section 13.41, subdivision 2, the board may release information
 2.22 regarding any action taken by a board pursuant to this section.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.24 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 148.212, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.25 Subdivision 1. **Issuance.** Upon receipt of the applicable licensure or reregistration fee
 2.26 and permit fee, and in accordance with rules of the board, the board may issue a nonrenewable
 2.27 temporary permit to practice professional or practical nursing to an applicant for licensure
 2.28 or reregistration who is not the subject of a pending investigation or disciplinary action, nor
 2.29 disqualified for any other reason, under the following circumstances:

2.30 (a) The applicant for licensure by endorsement under section 148.211, subdivision 2, is
 2.31 currently licensed to practice professional or practical nursing in another state, territory, or

3.1 Canadian province. The permit is valid until the date of board action on the application or
3.2 for ~~60~~ 90 days, whichever comes first.

3.3 (b) The applicant for licensure by endorsement under section 148.211, subdivision 2,
3.4 or for reregistration under section 148.231, subdivision 5, is currently registered in a formal,
3.5 structured refresher course or its equivalent for nurses that includes clinical practice.

3.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.7 Sec. 4. Laws 2022, chapter 99, article 1, section 46, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws
3.8 2023, chapter 70, article 4, section 94, is amended to read:

3.9 Subd. 3. **Evaluation.** The commissioner shall evaluate the overall effectiveness of the
3.10 grant program by conducting a periodic evaluation of the impact and outcomes of the grant
3.11 program on health care professional burnout and retention. The commissioner shall submit
3.12 the results of the evaluation and any recommendations for improving the grant program to
3.13 the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
3.14 over health care policy and finance by October 15, ~~2024~~ 2026.

3.15 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS FOR HEALTH CARE**
3.16 **PROFESSIONALS.**

3.17 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
3.18 of health for mental health grants for health care professionals under Laws 2022, chapter
3.19 99, article 1, section 46. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.