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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 335.203, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the nursing education incentive program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 335.203, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 335.203, to read as follows:

335.203. 1. There is hereby established the "Nursing Education Incentive
2 Program" within the [department of higher education] **state board of nursing**.

3 2. Subject to appropriation **and board disbursement**, grants shall be
4 awarded through the nursing education incentive program to eligible institutions
5 of higher education based on criteria jointly determined by the board and the
6 department. Grant award amounts shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand
7 dollars. No campus shall receive more than one grant per year.

8 3. To be considered for a grant, an eligible institution of higher education
9 shall offer a program of nursing that meets the predetermined category and area
10 of need as established by the board and the department under subsection 4 of this
11 section.

12 4. The board and the department shall determine categories and areas of
13 need for designating grants to eligible institutions of higher education. In
14 establishing categories and areas of need, the board and department may consider
15 criteria including, but not limited to:

16 (1) Data generated from licensure renewal data and the department of
17 health and senior services; and

18 (2) National nursing statistical data and trends that have identified
19 nursing shortages.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 5. The [department] **board** shall be the administrative agency responsible
21 for implementation of the program established under sections 335.200 to 335.203,
22 and shall promulgate reasonable rules for the exercise of its functions and the
23 effectuation of the purposes of sections 335.200 to 335.203. The [department]
24 **board** shall, by rule, prescribe the form, time, and method of filing applications
25 and shall supervise the processing of such applications.

26 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010,
27 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective
28 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
29 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
30 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to
31 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
32 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
33 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2011, shall be invalid and void.

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