

1 HOUSE BILL 204

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO NURSING EDUCATION; EXPANDING THE PURPOSE OF THE
12 NURSE EDUCATORS FUND TO ALLOW OTHER REGISTERED NURSES TO OBTAIN
13 HIGHER DEGREES TO QUALIFY TO BE NURSING EDUCATORS.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 21-1-27.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
17 Chapter 136, Section 1) is amended to read:

18 "21-1-27.7. FUND CREATED.--

19 A. There is created in the [~~commission on higher~~
20 ~~education~~] state treasury the "nurse educators fund". The state
21 treasurer shall deposit in the fund all amounts appropriated or
22 credited to the fund. The fund shall be administered by the
23 [~~commission on~~] higher education department, which shall charge
24 not more than a five percent administrative fee. Earnings from
25 investment of the fund shall accrue to the credit of the fund.

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1 Any balance in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall
2 remain in the fund for appropriation by the legislature [~~as~~
3 ~~provided in this section~~].

4 B. The purpose of the fund is to:

5 (1) enhance the ability of college- and
6 university-employed nursing educators to obtain bachelor of
7 science, master of science and doctor of philosophy in nursing
8 degrees; and

9 (2) allow other registered nurses to obtain
10 bachelor of science, master of science and doctor of philosophy
11 in nursing degrees to qualify them to be employed as nursing
12 educators in New Mexico colleges and universities.

13 C. The [~~commission on~~] higher education department
14 shall develop rules for continuing employment or pay-back
15 provisions for nursing educators and other registered nurses
16 who use the fund."