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An Act to Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BREault of Buxton, FISCHER of Presque Isle,
LEDWIN of Holden, Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, PENDLETON of Cumberland.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 110, sub-c. 12** is enacted to read:

6 **SUBCHAPTER 12**

8 **NURSING EDUCATION**

10 **§1100-Z. Nursing education loan repayment program**

12 **1. Nursing education loan repayment program.** The nursing
14 education loan repayment program is established for the purpose
of increasing the number of nursing faculty in nursing education
programs in the State.

16 **2. Criteria.** For an applicant to participate in the
18 nursing education loan repayment program established under
subsection 1, the applicant must:

20 **A. Be a nurse;**

22 **B. Complete a master's or doctoral degree in nursing;**

24 **C. Possess an outstanding education loan relating to the**
26 **master's or doctoral nursing degree; and**

28 **D. Sign a statement of intent in a form acceptable to the**
30 **authority to work as nursing faculty in a nursing education**
program in the State for a minimum of 3 years after
acceptance into the nursing education loan repayment program.

32 **3. Nursing education loan repayment fund.** There is
34 established the nursing education loan repayment fund within the
authority to carry out the purposes of the nursing education loan
36 repayment program established under subsection 1. Eligible
investment earnings credited to the assets of the nursing
38 education loan repayment fund become part of the assets of that
fund. Any balance remaining in the nursing education loan
40 repayment fund at the end of any fiscal year does not lapse but
must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

42 **4. Administration.** The nursing education loan repayment
44 program and the nursing education loan repayment fund are
administered by the authority. The authority shall repay the
46 loan of an applicant who meets the criteria in subsection 2 in
the amount of up to \$4,500 for a master's degree and up to \$6,000
48 for a doctoral degree. The authority may adopt rules to carry
out the purposes of this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to
50 the subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5,
chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

