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H.P. 800

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

An Act to Amend the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, CROCKETT of
Portland, DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York, Senator:
CURRY of Waldo.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1019, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 417, §1, is amended to read:

C. Possess an outstanding education loan relating to ~~the~~ an associate or bachelor's degree of any kind or a master's or doctoral nursing degree; and

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1019, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. CC, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Administration. The nursing education loan repayment program and the nursing education loan repayment fund are administered by the authority. The authority shall repay the loan of an applicant who meets the criteria in subsection 2 in the amount of up to \$20,000 for a an associate, bachelor's or master's degree and up to \$40,000 for a doctoral degree for full-time nursing faculty and in the amount of up to \$10,000 for a an associate, bachelor's or master's degree and up to \$20,000 for a doctoral degree for part-time nursing faculty. The authority may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill modifies the nursing education loan repayment program by amending the criteria to add an outstanding education loan relating to an associate or bachelor's degree of any kind to the list of debts that qualify for the program, whether or not the otherwise qualifying nurse has outstanding debts related to a master's or doctoral nursing degree. Under the bill, the Finance Authority of Maine must repay the loan for an associate or bachelor's degree up to \$20,000 for a qualifying full-time nurse and up to \$10,000 for a qualifying part-time nurse.