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Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
Ordered sent forthwith.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative ALLEN of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 **AN ACT to Create a Demonstration Project to**
2 **Provide for Ladders of Advancement in the**
3 **Nursing Profession.**
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5 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the
6 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
7 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, the Vocational-Technical Institute System
9 should implement this program for the coming school

1 year; and

2 Whereas, the new fiscal year starts before the
3 90-day period for nonemergency bills to become
4 effective; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
6 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
7 Constitution of Maine and require the following
8 legislation as immediately necessary for the
9 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
10 now, therefore,

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

13 Sec. 1. 20-A §12716, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
14 1985, c. 695, §11, is amended to read:

15 1. State scholarships. The board of trustees
16 shall develop and administer a program of scholarships
17 for institute students. Awards shall be based on
18 evidence of individual need and worth
19 qualifications.

20 Students selected to receive a scholarship shall
21 fulfill the following qualifications:

22 A. Show evidence of the qualifications necessary
23 to complete a course of study successfully and to
24 become a competent technical or craft worker in an
25 industrial, administrative or trade pursuit;

26 B. Show demonstrated ability and willingness to
27 support the expenses of education and training; and

28 C. Show demonstrated need of financial assistance
29 to help pay the cost of institute attendance.

30 Sec. 2. 20-A §12716, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

31 4. Nursing ladder grants. The board of trustees
32 shall develop and administer a program of scholarships
33 for students enrolled in certified nursing assistant
34 programs approved as career ladder programs under

1 section 12719. Within the limitations of available
2 programs, the board of trustees shall attempt to
3 provide a broad geographic representation in
4 scholarship awards.

5 A. Students selected for scholarships shall,
6 pursuant to rules established by the board of
7 trustees:

8 (1) Show an interest and capability to
9 complete practical nurses training;

10 (2) Show a demonstrated financial need; and

11 (3) Be accepted for employment by a nursing
12 home or home health agency in the State.

13 B. The scholarship shall include one of the
14 following:

15 (1) For employees of nursing homes, the cost
16 of tuition and a stipend of up to \$400 in
17 lieu of salary for classroom instruction;

18 (2) For employees of home health agencies,
19 the cost of tuition and a stipend of up to
20 \$400 in lieu of salary for classroom
21 instruction and a stipend of up to \$425 in
22 lieu of salary for clinical instruction; or

23 (3) For employees either of nursing homes or
24 home health agencies, the cost of
25 administering a challenge examination.

26 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRS §12719 is enacted to read:**

27 §12719. Certified nursing assistant education and
28 career ladder program

29 1. Intent. The board of trustees shall encourage
30 institutes to establish certified nursing assistant
31 education and career ladder programs. These education
32 and career ladder programs provide for the
33 coordination of certified nursing assistant programs
34 and practical nursing programs so that students

1 completing certified nursing assistant programs are
2 granted advanced placement in practical nursing
3 programs if students elect to continue their
4 education. The board of trustees shall encourage the
5 establishment of uniform standards to enhance the
6 transferability of advanced placement credits from one
7 institute to another.

8 2. Approved certified nursing assistant career
9 ladder program. Approved certified nursing assistant
10 career ladder program shall be a certified nursing
11 assistant program offered by an institute which is
12 approved by the State Board of Nursing as a program
13 enabling students to apply the credits earned toward
14 the degree requirements for a practical nurse degree
15 program. The program shall also include an
16 examination given by an institute to determine the
17 advanced placement standing of students who received
18 their certified nursing assistant degree from another
19 agency.

20 3. Report. The board of trustees shall report to
21 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
22 jurisdiction over business legislation as to the
23 progress toward the establishment of certified nursing
24 assistant career ladder programs in the institutes and
25 the effectiveness of the scholarships offered under
26 section 12716, subsection 4, in attracting students
27 into nursing.

28 **Sec. 4 Sunset.** The Maine Revised Statutes,
29 Title 20-A, section 12716, subsection 4, and section
30 12719 are repealed effective June 30, 1989.

31 **Sec. 5 Appropriation.** The following funds are
32 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
33 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1988-89</u>
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35	<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SYSTEM</u>
36	All Other \$50,000
37	Provides scholarships

1 for up to 50 nursing
2 students.

3 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency
4 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on
5 July 1, 1988.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This bill provides scholarships for nursing
8 students who enroll in certified nursing assistant,
9 CNA, courses which can be used for advanced placement
10 if the students decide to continue their education
11 toward a practical nurse, PN, degree. It also
12 encourages the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute
13 System to develop coordinated CNA and PN programs to
14 enhance the career ladder options of nurses. The
15 Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System board of
16 trustees is required to make a report to the
17 Legislature. The provisions are sunsetted on June 30,
18 1989.

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