

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1268

S.P. 471

In Senate, April 20, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative ALLEN of Washington, Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs and Representative LAPOINTE of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide for Ladders of Advancement in the Health Care Profession.



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

3 20-A MRSA §12719 is enacted to read:

5 §12719. Certified nursing assistant education and career ladder
7 program

9 1. Intent. The board of trustees shall direct institutes
11 to establish certified nursing assistant education and career
13 ladder programs. These education and career ladder programs
15 provide for the coordination of certified nursing assistant
17 programs, practical nursing programs and other health occupation
19 programs so that students completing certified nursing assistant
programs are granted advanced placement in practical nursing
programs or other health occupation programs, where
appropriate. The board of trustees shall direct the
establishment of uniform standards to enhance the
transferability of advanced placement credits from one institute
to another.

21 2. Approved certified nursing assistant career ladder
23 program. An approved certified nursing assistant career ladder
25 program shall be a certified nursing assistant program offered
27 by an institute which is approved by the State Board of Nursing
29 as a program enabling students to apply the credits earned
31 toward the degree requirements for a practical nursing program
or other health occupation program. The program shall also
include an examination given by an institute to determine the
advanced placement standing of students who received their
certified nursing assistant degree from another agency.

33 3. Report. The board of trustees shall report to the
35 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
37 over business legislation matters as to the progress toward the
establishment of certified nursing assistant career ladder
programs in the institutes.

39 STATEMENT OF FACT

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43 This bill is designed to complement the health occupation
45 program established by the 113th Legislature by
47 institutionalizing a certified nursing assistant training and
career ladder program in the Maine Vocational-technical
Institute System, in order to provide education and career
enhancement inducements to potential nursing assistants.

49 The bill directs the Board of Trustees of the
51 Vocational-technical Institute System to establish certified
nursing assistant education and career ladder programs which

1 will standardize curriculum and allow credits toward practical
nursing and other health occupation programs. The board of
3 trustees is also required to make a report to the Legislature on
the progress of the program.