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An Act To Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator ANDREWS of York and
Representatives: CURLEY of Scarborough, PERRY of Calais.

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

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

6 **SUBCHAPTER 1-E**

8 **NURSING EDUCATION**

10 **§1019. 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**
master's or doctoral nursing degree; and

26 **D. Sign a statement of intent in a form acceptable to the**
28 **authority to work as nursing faculty in a nursing education**
30 **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 this subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5,
chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

2 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
appropriations and allocations are made.

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FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

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Nursing Education Loan Repayment Fund

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Initiative: Provides funds to the nursing education loan
10 repayment fund to increase the number of nursing faculty in
nursing education programs in the State.

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GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
14 All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
16 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

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SUMMARY

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This bill creates the nursing education loan repayment
22 program and fund, to be administered by the Finance Authority of
Maine, for the purpose of increasing nursing faculty at nursing
24 education programs in the State. The program will repay up to
\$4,500 of education loans for a master's degree and up to \$6,000
26 of education loans for a doctoral degree for a nurse who commits
to working as faculty in a nursing education program in the State
28 for a minimum of 3 years after acceptance into the program. This
bill appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund each year for the
30 next 2 years to finance the program.