

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Education** recommends **HB 2645** be amended on page 2, in line 7, after "(b)" by inserting "'Mental health or treatment facility" means:

(1) Any private treatment facility as such term is defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and amendments thereto;

(2) any public treatment facility as such term is defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and amendments thereto;

(3) any community mental health center organized pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-4001 through 19-4015, and amendments thereto, and licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 39-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto;

(4) any mental health clinic organized pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 65-211 through 65-215, and amendments thereto, and licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 39-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto;

(5) any psychiatric hospital, psychiatric residential treatment facility or residential care facility as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto;

(6) any hospital as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, provided:

(A) The hospital has a psychiatric unit; and

(B) the scholarship recipient is required to fulfill the nursing service scholarship's employment obligations as an employee in the psychiatric unit of the hospital; or

(7) Osawatomie state hospital, Rainbow mental health facility, Larned state hospital, Parsons state hospital and training center or the Kansas neurological institute.

(c)";

Also on page 2, following line 24, by inserting:

"(d) "Sponsor" means any of the following that is located in a rural opportunity zone as defined in K.S.A. 74-50,222, and amendments thereto:

- (1) An adult care home licensed under the adult care home licensure act, K.S.A. 39-923 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (2) a medical care facility licensed under K.S.A. 65-425 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (3) a home health agency licensed under K.S.A. 65-5101 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (4) a local health department as defined in K.S.A. 65-241, and amendments thereto;
- (5) a mental health or treatment facility; or
- (6) a state agency that employs licensed practical nurses or licensed professional nurses.";

On page 3, in line 31, after "(c)" by inserting "(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2),";

Also on page 3, following line 43, by inserting:

"(2) If the nursing student has a sponsor, then the amount of the scholarship for such nursing student shall not exceed the amount established under paragraph (1) multiplied by 125%.";

On page 4, in line 7, by striking "and"; in line 11, after the stricken material by inserting "the name and address of the sponsor of the applicant and a verified copy of the agreement entered into by the applicant and the sponsor; and"; in line 12, before "any" by inserting "(4)"; in line 38, after "provided" by inserting ". If the scholarship recipient has a sponsorship agreement, then the scholarship recipient shall engage in the practice of nursing in the employment of such sponsor in accordance with such sponsorship agreement for the period of time required under this paragraph, except as provided in K.S.A. 74-3296, and amendments thereto";

On page 5, in line 5, after "thereto" by inserting "and with the sponsor, if any"; in line 9,

after "agreement" by inserting "with the state board of regents";

On page 6, in line 24, before "An" by inserting "Except as otherwise specified in an agreement with the sponsor,";

On page 7, in line 28, after the stricken material by inserting "Except for paragraphs (1)(A), (1)(F), (1)(H) and (1)(I), an obligation under any agreement entered into as provided in the nursing service scholarship program shall not be postponed unless the postponement is approved by the scholarship recipient's sponsor, if any, or is otherwise provided for in an agreement with a sponsor.";

On page 8, following line 4, by inserting:

"(c) (1) An obligation under any sponsorship agreement shall be satisfied if:

(A) Because of bankruptcy, loss of licensure or certification or other failure in the operations of the sponsor, such sponsor cannot or will not employ the person obligated; or

(B) the sponsor releases the person obligated from employment with such sponsor.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), the person obligated shall still be required to complete the terms, conditions and obligations of the agreement with the state board of regents by engaging in the practice of nursing in Kansas."; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson