

HOUSE BILL No. 2248

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by Representative Turner on behalf of the Kansas Hospital Association

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1 AN ACT concerning the state board of regents; establishing the Kansas
2 nursing initiative grant program; authorizing the state board of regents
3 to approve need-based or competitive grants for the expansion of
4 nursing faculty, laboratory supplies and tools for student success at
5 postsecondary educational institutions.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "postsecondary educational
9 institution" includes postsecondary educational institutions as defined in
10 K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, and any not-for-profit
11 institution of postsecondary education with its main campus or principal
12 place of operation in Kansas, is operated independently and not controlled
13 or administered by any state agency or subdivision of the state, maintains
14 open enrollment and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting
15 agency for higher education in the United States.

16 (b) There is hereby established the Kansas nursing initiative grant
17 program. The program shall be administered by the state board of regents.
18 Subject to appropriations therefor, any postsecondary educational
19 institution with an accredited nursing program may submit an application
20 for a need-based or competitive grant of moneys in an amount to be
21 determined by the state board subject to the provisions of this section for
22 the expansion of nursing faculty, laboratory supplies and tools for student
23 success. Grants shall not require any funding match in order to receive
24 funds from this program.

25 (c) The Kansas nursing initiative grant program shall allow
26 postsecondary educational institutions to:

27 (1) Apply for and receive up to \$100,000 for nonconsumable
28 laboratory supplies and equipment;

29 (2) expend the grant funds on adjunct clinical instructors, including
30 partial funding of an adjunct clinical instructor who may be employed by a
31 healthcare facility;

32 (3) request funding for tools for student success, including, but not
33 limited to, general tutoring, study skills, preparatory skills for taking
34 exams and preparatory licensing classes; and

35 (4) request funding for student support that may impact a student's

1 ability to attend and complete the program, including, but not limited to,
2 childcare services.

3 (d) In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, the accredited
4 nursing program of the institution shall:

5 (1) Be nationally accredited;

6 (2) be approved by the Kansas board of nursing; and

7 (3) have national council licensure examination test scores at or
8 above the most recent three-year national average.

9 (e) The institution shall submit to the state board an application for a
10 grant. The application shall be prepared in such form and manner as
11 required by the state board and submitted at a time to be determined and
12 specified by the state board.

13 (f) The state board shall establish standards and criteria for reviewing,
14 evaluating and approving applications for grants submitted pursuant to this
15 section. All grants shall be awarded by the state board in accordance with
16 the standards and criteria established by the state board. Within the
17 limitations of appropriations therefor, the state board shall determine the
18 amount and number of grants and be responsible for payment of grants to
19 institutions.

20 (g) Each institution that is awarded a grant under this section shall
21 make such periodic and special reports of statistical and financial
22 information to the state board as it may request.

23 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
24 publication in the statute book.