

# HOUSE BILL No. 6399

September 9, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Calley and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to establish a grant program to support sustained expansion of nursing school enrollment in this state; to provide for the administration of the grant program; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "nursing school expansion act".

3       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4       (a) "Department" means the department of community health.

5       (b) "Eligible institution" means a degree- or certificate-  
6 granting public or independent nonprofit college or university,  
7 junior college, or community college in this state.

1 (c) "Licensed practical nurse" means an individual licensed to  
2 engage in the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse as  
3 defined in section 17201 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,  
4 MCL 333.17201.

5 (d) "Nursing school" means a program that is operated in this  
6 state by an eligible institution, is approved by the Michigan board  
7 of nursing, and is engaged in 1 or more of the following:

8 (i) Training individuals to become registered professional  
9 nurses.

10 (ii) Training individuals to become licensed practical nurses.

11 (iii) Providing a master's degree in nursing program.

12 (e) "Registered professional nurse" means that term as defined  
13 in section 17201 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL  
14 333.17201.

15 Sec. 3. The nursing school grant program is created, to be  
16 administered by the department. The department shall do all of the  
17 following:

18 (a) Award grants to nursing schools pursuant to this act.

19 (b) Develop a form of grant application for use by a nursing  
20 school seeking a grant under this act that contains the terms of  
21 the grant and the rights and obligations of the nursing school if  
22 it is awarded a grant.

23 (c) Conduct periodic audits of grant recipients to ensure  
24 compliance with the terms of the grant and take necessary steps to  
25 enforce the terms of the grant.

26 (d) Publicize the nursing school grant program.

27 (e) Promulgate rules as necessary to implement this act

1 pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,  
2 MCL 24.201 to 24.328. The rules may include additional standards of  
3 eligibility for nursing schools to receive grants under this act.

4 Sec. 4. (1) The department may award a grant under this act to  
5 a nursing school determined by the department to meet all of the  
6 following eligibility criteria:

7 (a) The nursing school is engaged in 1 or more of the  
8 following:

9 (i) Training individuals to become registered professional  
10 nurses.

11 (ii) Training individuals to become licensed practical nurses.

12 (iii) Providing a master's degree in nursing program.

13 (b) The nursing school is operated in this state by an  
14 eligible institution.

15 (c) The nursing school is approved by the Michigan board of  
16 nursing.

17 (d) The nursing school has enrolled more students in the  
18 academic year when the grant application is submitted than in the  
19 previous academic year.

20 (e) The nursing school has submitted a written grant  
21 application to the department in the form established by the  
22 department under section 3(b).

23 (f) The nursing school is in compliance with this act and the  
24 rules promulgated under this act.

25 (g) The nursing school meets any other standards established  
26 in rules promulgated by the authority under section 3.

27 (2) Subject to subsection (3), a grant awarded under this act

1 shall not exceed the sum of the following, as applicable to that  
2 nursing school and determined at the time of application:

3 (a) An amount equal to \$10,000.00, multiplied by the number of  
4 students enrolled in a licensed practical nursing program at the  
5 nursing school.

6 (b) An amount equal to \$20,000.00, multiplied by the number of  
7 students enrolled in a registered professional nursing program at  
8 the nursing school.

9 (c) An amount equal to \$30,000.00, multiplied by the number of  
10 students enrolled in a master's degree in nursing program at the  
11 nursing school.

12 (3) If a student is enrolled in more than 1 nursing program in  
13 an academic year, the department shall proportionately allocate any  
14 amount calculated under subsection (2) with respect to that student  
15 between the nursing schools in which that student was enrolled,  
16 based on the number of credits earned by the student at each  
17 nursing school in that academic year

18 (4) A nursing school may only submit 1 grant application in an  
19 academic year.

20 (5) A nursing school may only use money received under this  
21 act for any of the following purposes:

22 (a) Employment of full-time and part-time faculty and support  
23 personnel.

24 (b) Providing clinical supervision at hospitals and other  
25 health care facilities.

26 (c) Purchasing instructional equipment, materials, supplies,  
27 and software.

1 (d) Providing special preparation classes for nursing  
2 graduates taking a state-approved licensing examination.

3 (e) Producing marketing and recruitment materials aimed at  
4 attracting qualified students to the nursing school.

5 Sec. 5. (1) The department of treasury shall establish and  
6 administer a restricted account in the general fund for the nursing  
7 school grant program. The department of treasury shall credit to  
8 the account money appropriated from the general fund or received  
9 from any other source. The department of treasury shall use the  
10 money in the account only to provide money to the department for  
11 grants awarded under this act.

12 (2) Money in the account described in subsection (1) at the  
13 end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall  
14 be carried over in the account to the next fiscal year.