

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nursing Education Scholarship Law is amended
5 by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 975/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 2753)

7 Sec. 3. Definitions.

8 The following terms, whenever used or referred to, have the
9 following meanings except where the context clearly indicates
10 otherwise:

11 (1) "Board" means the Board of Higher Education created by
12 the Board of Higher Education Act.

13 (2) "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public
14 Health.

15 (3) "Approved institution" means a public community
16 college, private junior college, hospital-based diploma in
17 nursing program, or public or private college or university
18 with a pre-licensure nursing education program located in this
19 State that has approval by the Department of Financial and
20 Professional Regulation for an associate degree in nursing
21 program, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing
22 program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program,
23 baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in

1 nursing program, or certificate in a practical nursing program
2 or a post-licensure nursing education program approved by the
3 Illinois Board of Higher Education or any successor agency with
4 similar authority.

5 (4) "Baccalaureate degree in nursing program" means a
6 program offered by an approved institution and leading to a
7 bachelor of science degree in nursing.

8 (5) "Enrollment" means the establishment and maintenance
9 of an individual's status as a student in an approved
10 institution, regardless of the terms used at the institution to
11 describe such status.

12 (6) "Academic year" means the period of time from September
13 1 of one year through August 31 of the next year or as
14 otherwise defined by the academic institution.

15 (7) "Associate degree in nursing program or hospital-based
16 diploma in nursing program" means a program offered by an
17 approved institution and leading to an associate degree in
18 nursing, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing, or
19 hospital-based diploma in nursing.

20 (8) "Graduate degree in nursing program" means a program
21 offered by an approved institution and leading to a master of
22 science degree in nursing or a doctorate of philosophy or
23 doctorate of nursing degree in nursing.

24 (9) "Director" means the Director of the Illinois
25 Department of Public Health.

26 (10) "Accepted for admission" means a student has completed

1 the requirements for entry into an associate degree in nursing
2 program, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing
3 program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program,
4 baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in
5 nursing program, or certificate in practical nursing program at
6 an approved institution, as documented by the institution.

7 (11) "Fees" means those mandatory charges, in addition to
8 tuition, that all enrolled students must pay, including
9 required course or lab fees.

10 (12) "Full-time student" means a student enrolled for at
11 least 12 hours per term or as otherwise determined by the
12 academic institution.

13 (13) "Law" means the Nursing Education Scholarship Law.

14 (14) "Nursing employment obligation" means employment in
15 this State as a registered professional nurse, licensed
16 practical nurse, or advanced practice nurse in direct patient
17 care for at least one year for each year of scholarship
18 assistance received through the Nursing Education Scholarship
19 Program.

20 (15) "Part-time student" means a person who is enrolled for
21 at least one-third of the number of hours required per term by
22 a school for its full-time students.

23 (16) "Practical nursing program" means a program offered by
24 an approved institution leading to a certificate in practical
25 nursing.

26 (17) "Registered professional nurse" means a person who is

1 currently licensed as a registered professional nurse by the
2 Department of Professional Regulation under the Nurse Practice
3 Act.

4 (18) "Licensed practical nurse" means a person who is
5 currently licensed as a licensed practical nurse by the
6 Department of Professional Regulation under the Nurse Practice
7 Act.

8 (19) "School term" means an academic term, such as a
9 semester, quarter, trimester, or number of clock hours, as
10 defined by an approved institution.

11 (20) "Student in good standing" means a student maintaining
12 a cumulative grade point average equivalent to at least the
13 academic grade of a "C".

14 (21) "Total and permanent disability" means a physical or
15 mental impairment, disease, or loss of a permanent nature that
16 prevents nursing employment with or without reasonable
17 accommodation. Proof of disability shall be a declaration from
18 the social security administration, Illinois Workers'
19 Compensation Commission, Department of Defense, or an insurer
20 authorized to transact business in Illinois who is providing
21 disability insurance coverage to a contractor.

22 (22) "Tuition" means the established charges of an
23 institution of higher learning for instruction at that
24 institution.

25 (23) "Nurse educator" means a person who is currently
26 licensed as a registered nurse by the Department of

1 Professional Regulation under the Nurse Practice Act, who has a
2 graduate degree in nursing, and who is employed by an approved
3 academic institution to educate registered nursing students,
4 licensed practical nursing students, and registered nurses
5 pursuing graduate degrees.

6 (24) "Nurse educator employment obligation" means
7 employment in this State as a nurse educator for at least 2
8 years for each year of scholarship assistance received under
9 Section 6.5 of this Law.

10 Rulemaking authority to implement this amendatory Act of
11 the 96th General Assembly, if any, is conditioned on the rules
12 being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois
13 Administrative Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of
14 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule
15 not so adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-639, eff. 10-5-07;
17 96-805, eff. 10-30-09.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.