

1 AN ACT in relation to nursing.

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

4 Section 5. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 20-40 and adding Section 5-16  
6 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 65/5-16 new)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

9 Sec. 5-16. Illinois Center for Nursing. The Department  
10 shall create the Illinois Center for Nursing, the goals of  
11 which shall include, but not be limited to, all of the  
12 following:

13 (1) To develop a strategic statewide plan for  
14 nursing resources.

15 (2) To convene multidisciplinary groups to review  
16 the work of the Center and evaluate policy implications.

17 (3) To enhance and promote nurse recognition,  
18 reward, and renewal activities across the State.

19 (4) To create a dynamic system for projecting nurse  
20 workforce supply and demand.

21 (5) To conduct biennial surveys of nurses to track  
22 retirement plans and issues impacting nurses in the  
23 workplace.

24 (6) To conduct biennial surveys of nurse employers  
25 to measure changes in demand and skill mix.

26 (7) To evaluate population demographics and  
27 available health indicator data to determine how they  
28 relate to the demand for nursing services.

29 (8) To project how changes in the health care  
30 delivery system, including the use of technology, will  
31 affect nursing demand in terms of number and educational

1 mix.

2 (9) To study the relationship between various  
3 staffing models and patient outcomes.

4 (10) To promote an adequate nursing workforce in  
5 terms of numbers, diversity, educational mix, and  
6 geographic distribution.

7 (11) To develop creative mechanisms to attract a  
8 diverse group of students to nursing as an attractive and  
9 viable career option.

10 (12) To develop strategies for ensuring adequate  
11 numbers of faculty who are prepared to mentor students in  
12 a changing health care system.

13 (13) To monitor educational trends, including  
14 applications, enrollments, and graduate outcomes.

15 (14) To provide resources and programs designed to  
16 promote recognition and retention.

17 (15) To promote collaboration between nursing  
18 education and practice to determine necessary  
19 competencies and design professional practice.

20 (16) To develop and support nursing education and  
21 nursing practice collaborative efforts at the regional  
22 and State level.

23 (17) To provide funding for the planning and  
24 implementation of demonstration projects of professional  
25 practice models, with an emphasis on staffing models.

26 The Illinois Center for Nursing shall work in conjunction  
27 with the Illinois Coalition for Nursing Resources in  
28 accomplishing its goals.

29 (225 ILCS 65/20-40)

30 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

31 Sec. 20-40. Fund. There is hereby created within the  
32 State Treasury the Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund.

33 The monies in the Fund may be used by and at the direction of

1 the Department for the administration and enforcement of this  
2 Act, including but not limited to:

3 (a) Distribution and publication of the Nursing and  
4 Advanced Practice Nursing Act and the rules at the time  
5 of renewal to all persons licensed by the Department  
6 under this Act.

7 (b) Employment of secretarial, nursing,  
8 administrative, enforcement, and other staff for the  
9 administration of this Act.

10 (c) Conducting a survey, as prescribed by rule of  
11 the Department, once every 4 years during the license  
12 renewal period.

13 (d) Conducting of training seminars for licensees  
14 under this Act relating to the obligations,  
15 responsibilities, enforcement and other provisions of the  
16 Act and its rules.

17 (d-5) Establishment of the Illinois Center for  
18 Nursing as provided for in Section 5-16.

19 (e) Disposition of Fees:

20 (i) (Blank).

21 (ii) All of the fees and fines collected  
22 pursuant to this Act shall be deposited in the  
23 Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund.

24 (iii) For the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
25 1988, the moneys deposited in the Nursing Dedicated  
26 and Professional Fund shall be appropriated to the  
27 Department for expenses of the Department and the  
28 Board in the administration of this Act. All  
29 earnings received from investment of moneys in the  
30 Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund shall be  
31 deposited in the Nursing Dedicated and Professional  
32 Fund and shall be used for the same purposes as fees  
33 deposited in the Fund.

34 (iv) For the fiscal year beginning July 1,

1 2001 and for each fiscal year thereafter, \$750,000  
2 of the moneys deposited in the Nursing Dedicated and  
3 Professional Fund each year shall be set aside and  
4 appropriated to the Illinois Department of Public  
5 Health for nursing scholarships awarded pursuant to  
6 the Nursing Education Scholarship Law.  
7 Representatives of the Department and the Nursing  
8 Education Scholarship Program Advisory Council shall  
9 review this requirement and the scholarship awards  
10 every 2 years.

11 (iv-5) For the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
12 2003, \$3,500,000 of the moneys deposited into the  
13 Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund shall be  
14 appropriated to the Department to be used within 2  
15 fiscal years of the effective date of this  
16 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly to  
17 establish the Illinois Center for Nursing as  
18 provided for in Section 5-16 and subsection (d-5) of  
19 this Section.

20 (v) Moneys in the Fund may be transferred to  
21 the Professions Indirect Cost Fund as authorized  
22 under Section 2105-300 of the Department of  
23 Professional Regulation Law (20 ILCS 2105/2105-300).

24 (Source: P.A. 91-239, 1-1-00; 92-46, eff. 7-1-01.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26 becoming law.