

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The Health Services Education Grants Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 2 and 4 and by adding Section 5.5
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 215/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 822)

8 Sec. 2. The Board of Higher Education is authorized to
9 distribute funds ~~equitably~~ to non-profit health service
10 educational institutions in this State by grants as set forth
11 in this Act and to prescribe forms and procedures for
12 applications for such grants.

13 No grant shall be made to any institution which
14 discriminates in the admission of students or the use of its
15 facilities on the basis of race, color, creed, sex or national
16 origin.

17 No facilities constructed with the aid of these grants
18 shall be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for
19 religious worship.

20 (Source: P.A. 80-1155.)

21 (110 ILCS 215/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 824)

22 Sec. 4. Grants may be made to the following classes of
23 institutions that offer health services programs: (i) medical,
24 dental, pharmacy, optometry, and nursing schools, (ii) ~~to~~
25 physician assistant programs, (iii) ~~to~~ other health-related
26 schools and programs, and (iv) ~~to~~ hospitals and clinical
27 facilities used in health service training programs.

28 Qualification for grants shall be on the basis of either
29 the number of Illinois resident enrollees or the number of
30 degrees granted to students who are residents of this State or
31 both. The grant amount shall be determined by the Board of

1 Higher Education for each class of institution.

2 At the discretion of the Board of Higher Education grants
3 may be made for a ~~each~~ class of institution in any or all of the
4 following forms:

5 (1) Single nonrecurring grants for planning and
6 capital expense based on the increase in the number of
7 Illinois resident enrollees;

8 (2) Annual grants based on the number of degrees
9 granted to (a) Illinois resident enrollees, or (b) Illinois
10 resident enrollees from minority racial and ethnic groups,
11 or both (a) and (b); ~~and~~

12 (3) Annual stabilization grants based on the number of
13 (a) Illinois residents enrolled, or (b) Illinois residents
14 enrolled from minority racial and ethnic groups, or both
15 (a) and (b); and-

16 (4) Program priority grants based on State residents
17 enrolled in eligible programs that address public demand
18 for health services, workforce needs and shortages, and
19 other programmatic priorities, such as sole service
20 providers, academic needs, or industry standards. The
21 Board of Higher Education may annually dedicate a portion
22 of appropriated funds, not to exceed 10% of appropriations,
23 to support program priority grants. In determining program
24 priority areas, the Board of Higher Education shall
25 annually consult with constituent institutions.

26 In awarding grants to nursing schools and to hospital
27 schools of nursing, the Board of Higher Education may also
28 consider whether the nursing program is located in a certified
29 nurse shortage area. For purposes of this Section "certified
30 nurse shortage area" means an area certified by the Director of
31 the Department of Public Health as a nurse shortage area based
32 on the most reliable data available to the Director.

33 (Source: P.A. 92-45, eff. 7-1-02.)

34 (110 ILCS 215/5.5 new)

35 Sec. 5.5. All grants under this Act shall be administered

1 subject to funding availability. Nothing in this Act shall be
2 construed to mandate that grants be given to any one class of
3 institution or to every institution within a class, however,
4 every institution offering eligible, accredited programs that
5 received grant support in fiscal year 2005 shall continue to
6 receive grant support at a comparable level in subsequent
7 years.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.