

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 Section 4 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 215/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 824)

7 Sec. 4. Grants may be made to the following classes of
8 institutions that offer health services programs: (i) medical,
9 dental, pharmacy, optometry, and nursing schools, (ii)
10 physician assistant programs, (iii) psychology and other
11 physical and mental health-related schools and programs, and
12 (iv) hospitals and clinical facilities used in health service
13 training programs.

14 Qualification for grants shall be on the basis of either
15 the number of Illinois resident enrollees or the number of
16 degrees granted to students who are residents of this State or
17 both. The grant amount shall be determined by the Board of
18 Higher Education for each class of institution.

19 At the discretion of the Board of Higher Education grants
20 may be made for a class of institution in any or all of the
21 following forms:

22 (1) Single nonrecurring grants for planning and
23 capital expense based on the increase in the number of
24 Illinois resident enrollees;

25 (2) Annual grants based on the number of degrees
26 granted to (a) Illinois resident enrollees, or (b) Illinois
27 resident enrollees from minority racial and ethnic groups,
28 or both (a) and (b);

29 (3) Annual stabilization grants based on the number of
30 (a) Illinois residents enrolled, or (b) Illinois residents
31 enrolled from minority racial and ethnic groups, or both
32 (a) and (b); and

1 (4) Program priority grants based on State residents
2 enrolled in eligible programs that address public demand
3 for health services, workforce needs and shortages, and
4 other programmatic priorities, such as sole service
5 providers, academic needs, or industry standards. The
6 Board of Higher Education may annually dedicate a portion
7 of appropriated funds, not to exceed 10% of appropriations,
8 to support program priority grants. In determining program
9 priority areas, the Board of Higher Education shall
10 annually consult with constituent institutions.

11 In awarding grants to nursing schools and to hospital
12 schools of nursing, the Board of Higher Education may also
13 consider whether the nursing program is located in a certified
14 nurse shortage area. For purposes of this Section "certified
15 nurse shortage area" means an area certified by the Director of
16 the Department of Public Health as a nurse shortage area based
17 on the most reliable data available to the Director.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-193, eff. 7-12-05.)

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