

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5 Section 5-5. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 Nurse Educator Assistance Act.

7 Section 5-10. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to
8 attract capable and promising students to the nursing educator
9 profession, increase employment and retention of individuals
10 who are working towards or who have received a master's or
11 doctoral degree in nursing, and provide opportunities for
12 persons making mid-career decisions to enter the nurse educator
13 profession.

14 Section 5-15. Definitions. In this Act:

15 "Approved program of professional nursing education" and
16 "approved program of practical nursing education" mean
17 programs of professional or practical nursing, respectively,
18 approved by the Department of Financial and Professional
19 Regulation under the provisions of the Nursing and Advanced
20 Practice Nursing Act.

21 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance
22 Commission.

23 Section 5-20. Rulemaking. The Commission shall adopt all
24 rules necessary for the administration of this Act.

25 ARTICLE 10. NURSE EDUCATOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

26 Section 10-5. Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program. There
27 is created, beginning July 1, 2007, the Nurse Educator Loan

1 Repayment Program to be administered by the Illinois Student
2 Assistance Commission. The program shall provide assistance,
3 subject to appropriation, to eligible nurse educators.

4 Section 10-10. Award; maximum time period; maximum amount.
5 Subject to appropriation, the Commission shall award a grant to
6 each qualified applicant for a maximum of 4 years. The amount
7 of this grant shall not exceed \$5,000 per year. The Commission
8 shall encourage the recipient of a grant awarded under the
9 program to use the grant award for payment of the recipient's
10 educational loan.

11 Section 10-15. Application. All applications for grant
12 assistance under the program shall be made to the Commission in
13 a form and manner prescribed by the Commission. Applicants
14 shall also submit any supporting documents deemed necessary by
15 the Commission at the time of application.

16 Section 10-20. Eligibility.

17 (a) The Commission shall, on an annual basis, receive and
18 consider applications for grant assistance under the program.
19 An applicant is eligible for a grant under the program if the
20 Commission finds that the applicant:

21 (1) is a United States citizen or permanent resident;

22 (2) is a resident of Illinois;

23 (3) has worked for at least 12 consecutive months as a
24 nurse educator in an approved program of professional or
25 practical nursing education in Illinois;

26 (4) is a borrower with an outstanding balance due on an
27 educational loan; and

28 (5) has not defaulted on an educational loan.

29 (b) Preference may be given to previous recipients of a
30 grant under the program, provided that the recipient continues
31 to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in this Section.

32 (c) A recipient of a grant under the program must fulfill a
33 separate 12-month period as a nurse educator in an approved

1 program of professional or practical nursing education in
2 Illinois for each grant that he or she is awarded.

3 ARTICLE 15. NURSE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

4 Section 15-5. Nurse Educator Scholarship Program. There is
5 created, beginning July 1, 2006, the Nurse Educator Scholarship
6 Program to be administered by the Illinois Student Assistance
7 Commission. The program shall provide scholarship assistance
8 until July 1, 2010, subject to appropriation, to eligible
9 students for nursing-related graduate study.

10 Section 15-10. Scholarship award; maximum time period;
11 maximum amount.

12 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Commission shall award a
13 nurse educator scholarship to each qualified applicant in an
14 amount sufficient to pay the tuition and fees of the Illinois
15 institution of higher learning at which the recipient is
16 enrolled, up to the current maximum amount of tuition and fees
17 charged to students enrolled in an approved program of
18 professional or practical nursing education at a public
19 university.

20 (b) Scholarship recipients shall also receive a stipend,
21 the amount of which shall not exceed \$10,000, to cover other
22 costs of attendance, including, but not limited to, living
23 expenses. Stipend amounts for recipients enrolled on less than
24 a full-time basis shall be prorated by credit hour.

25 (c) A recipient may receive scholarship assistance under
26 the program for the equivalent of 8 semesters or 16 quarters of
27 full-time enrollment.

28 (d) The total amount of scholarship assistance awarded by
29 the Commission under the program to an individual in any given
30 fiscal year, when added to other financial assistance awarded
31 to that individual for that year, may not exceed the cost of
32 attendance at the institution of higher learning at which the
33 student is enrolled.

1 Section 15-15. Application. All applications for a
2 scholarship under the program shall be made to the Commission
3 in a form and manner prescribed by the Commission. Applicants
4 shall also submit any supporting documents deemed necessary by
5 the Commission at the time of application.

6 Section 15-20. Eligibility.

7 (a) The Commission shall, on an annual basis until July 1,
8 2010, receive and consider applications for scholarship
9 assistance under the program. An applicant is eligible for a
10 scholarship under the program if the Commission finds that the
11 applicant:

12 (1) is a United States citizen or permanent resident;

13 (2) is a resident of Illinois;

14 (3) is enrolled or accepted for enrollment on at least
15 a half-time basis in an approved program of professional or
16 practical nursing education at the graduate level at an
17 Illinois institution of higher learning.

18 (b) Scholarship recipients shall be selected from among
19 eligible applicants based on a combination of academic
20 excellence and financial need, as determined by the Commission.

21 (c) Preference may be given to previous recipients of a
22 scholarship under the program, provided that the recipient
23 continues to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in
24 this Section and maintains satisfactory academic progress as
25 determined by the institution of higher education at which he
26 or she is enrolled.

27 (d) Prior to receiving scholarship assistance for an
28 academic year, each recipient of a scholarship awarded under
29 the program must sign an agreement pledging that, within the
30 one-year period following the termination of the academic
31 program for which the recipient was awarded a scholarship, the
32 recipient shall (i) begin working as an educator in an approved
33 program of professional nursing education or an approved
34 program of practical nursing education in Illinois for a period

1 of not less than 5 years and (ii) upon request of the
2 Commission, provide the Commission with evidence that he or she
3 is fulfilling or has fulfilled the terms of the work agreement
4 required under this subsection (d).

5 Section 15-25. Payment to institution. All scholarship
6 funds distributed under the program shall be paid to the
7 institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient.

8 Section 15-30. Repayment upon default; exception.

9 (a) If a recipient of a scholarship awarded under this
10 Section fails to fulfill the work agreement required under the
11 program, the Commission shall require the recipient to repay
12 the amount of the scholarship or scholarships received,
13 prorated according to the fraction of the work agreement not
14 completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable,
15 reasonable collection fees.

16 (b) Payments received by the Commission under this Section
17 shall be remitted to the State Comptroller for deposit into the
18 General Revenue Fund, except that that portion of a recipient's
19 repayment that equals the amount in expenses that the
20 Commission has reasonably incurred in attempting collection
21 from that recipient shall be remitted to the State Comptroller
22 for deposit into the Commission's Accounts Receivable Fund.

23 (c) A recipient of a scholarship awarded by the Commission
24 under the program shall not be in violation of the agreement
25 entered into pursuant to this Article if the recipient is (i)
26 serving as a member of the armed services of the United States,
27 (ii) temporarily totally disabled, as established by a sworn
28 affidavit of a qualified physician, (iii) seeking and unable to
29 find full-time employment as a nursing educator and is able to
30 provide evidence of that fact, or (iv) taking additional
31 courses, on at least a half-time basis, related to nursing
32 education. Any extension of the period during which the work
33 requirement must be fulfilled shall be subject to limitations
34 of duration established by the Commission.

1 ARTICLE 90. AMENDATORY PROVISIONS.

2 Section 90-2. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
3 and renumbering Section 5.570, as added by Public Act 92-589,
4 as follows:

5 (30 ILCS 105/5.569)

6 Sec. 5.569 ~~5.570~~. The National Guard and Naval Militia
7 Grant Fund.

8 (Source: P.A. 92-589, eff. 7-1-02; revised 8-27-02.)

9 Section 90-5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended
10 by adding Sections 9.31 and 9.32 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 205/9.31 new)

12 Sec. 9.31. Competitive grants to nursing schools. In order
13 to increase the number of nurses graduating from Illinois
14 institutions of higher learning, the Board shall establish and
15 administer a competitive grant program for institutions of
16 higher learning that award degrees in nursing. The grants may
17 be awarded on the basis of performance criteria that shall
18 include, but not be limited to, degree production, student
19 retention, and passage rates on professional licensure
20 examinations.

21 The Board shall adopt those rules that are necessary for
22 the implementation and administration of the grants
23 established under this Section.

24 (110 ILCS 205/9.32 new)

25 Sec. 9.32. Nurse educator fellowship program. In order to
26 ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty, the
27 Board shall establish and administer a nurse educator
28 fellowship program that supplements nursing faculty salaries
29 at institutions of higher learning that award degrees in
30 nursing. Fellowships awarded under the program may be awarded

1 on a competitive basis.

2 The Board shall adopt those rules that are necessary for
3 the implementation and administration of the fellowship
4 program established under this Section.

5 Section 90-8. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act
6 is amended by changing Section 45 and by adding Section 65.80
7 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 947/45)

9 Sec. 45. Illinois National Guard and Naval Militia grant
10 program.

11 (a) As used in this Section:

12 "State controlled university or community college" means
13 those institutions under the administration of the Chicago
14 State University Board of Trustees, the Eastern Illinois
15 University Board of Trustees, the Governors State University
16 Board of Trustees, the Illinois State University Board of
17 Trustees, the Northeastern Illinois University Board of
18 Trustees, the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees,
19 the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, Southern
20 Illinois University Board of Trustees, University of Illinois
21 Board of Trustees, or the Illinois Community College Board.

22 "Tuition and fees" shall not include expenses for any
23 sectarian or denominational instruction, the construction or
24 maintenance of sectarian or denominational facilities, or any
25 other sectarian or denominational purposes or activity.

26 "Fees" means matriculation, graduation, activity, term, or
27 incidental fees. Exemption shall not be granted from any other
28 fees, including book rental, service, laboratory, supply, and
29 union building fees, hospital and medical insurance fees, and
30 any fees established for the operation and maintenance of
31 buildings, the income of which is pledged to the payment of
32 interest and principal on bonds issued by the governing board
33 of any university or community college.

34 (b) Any person who has served at least one year in the

1 Illinois National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia and who
2 possesses all necessary entrance requirements shall, upon
3 application and proper proof, be awarded a grant to the
4 State-controlled university or community college of his or her
5 choice, consisting of exemption from tuition and fees for not
6 more than the equivalent of 4 years of full-time enrollment,
7 including summer terms, in relation to his or her course of
8 study at that State controlled university or community college
9 while he or she is a member of the Illinois National Guard or
10 the Illinois Naval Militia. Except as otherwise provided in
11 this Section, if the recipient of any grant awarded under this
12 Section ceases to be a member of the Illinois National Guard or
13 the Illinois Naval Militia while enrolled in a course of study
14 under that grant, the grant shall be terminated as of the date
15 membership in the Illinois National Guard or the Illinois Naval
16 Militia ended, and the recipient shall be permitted to complete
17 the school term in which he or she is then enrolled only upon
18 payment of tuition and other fees allocable to the part of the
19 term then remaining. If the recipient of a grant awarded under
20 this Section ceases to be a member of the Illinois National
21 Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia while enrolled in a course
22 of study under that grant but (i) has served in the Illinois
23 National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia for at least 5
24 years and (ii) has served a cumulative total of at least 6
25 months of active duty, then that recipient shall continue to be
26 eligible for a grant for one year after membership in the
27 Illinois National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia ended,
28 provided that the recipient has not already received the
29 exemption from tuition and fees for the equivalent of 4 years
30 of full-time enrollment, including summer terms, under this
31 Section. If the recipient of the grant fails to complete his or
32 her military service obligations or requirements for
33 satisfactory participation, the Department of Military Affairs
34 shall require the recipient to repay the amount of the grant
35 received, prorated according to the fraction of the service
36 obligation not completed, and, if applicable, reasonable

1 collection fees. The Department of Military Affairs may adopt
2 rules relating to its collection activities for repayment of
3 the grant under this Section. Unsatisfactory participation
4 shall be defined by rules adopted by the Department of Military
5 Affairs. Repayments shall be deposited in the National Guard
6 and Naval Militia Grant Fund. The National Guard and Naval
7 Militia Grant Fund is created as a special fund in the State
8 treasury. All money in the National Guard and Naval Militia
9 Grant Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the
10 Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the purposes of this
11 Section.

12 A grant awarded under this Section shall be considered an
13 entitlement which the State-controlled university or community
14 college in which the holder is enrolled shall honor without any
15 condition other than the holder's maintenance of minimum grade
16 levels and a satisfactory student loan repayment record
17 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 20 of this Act.

18 (c) Subject to a separate appropriation for such purposes,
19 the Commission may reimburse the State-controlled university
20 or community college for grants authorized by this Section.

21 (Source: P.A. 93-838, eff. 7-30-04; 93-856, eff. 8-3-04;
22 94-583, eff. 8-15-05.)

23 (110 ILCS 947/65.80 new)

24 Sec. 65.80. Forensic science grant program.

25 (a) In order to encourage graduate students to enter the
26 field of forensic science and continue their careers as
27 forensic scientists with the Department of State Police in one
28 of the specialty areas of forensic sciences that is considered
29 a shortage specialty area, the Commission shall, subject to
30 appropriation, establish and administer a forensic science
31 grant program.

32 (b) A qualified applicant may receive a maximum grant
33 amount of \$30,000 to cover those expenses related to the
34 forensic science program in which he or she is enrolled.

35 (c) The Commission shall, on an annual basis until July 1,

1 2010, receive and consider applications for grant assistance
2 under the program. An applicant is eligible for a grant under
3 the program if the Commission finds that the applicant:

4 (1) is a United States citizen or permanent resident;

5 (2) is a resident of Illinois or will be a resident of
6 Illinois upon completion of the forensic science program;

7 (3) is enrolled on a full-time basis in a minimum
8 one-year program that combines graduate education with
9 training in a specific forensic discipline in a manner
10 equivalent to the Department of State Police's new examiner
11 training so as to prepare him or her to do casework; and

12 (4) meets or will meet all of the evaluation criteria
13 required by the Department of State Police for employment.

14 (d) Prior to receiving grant assistance for an academic
15 year, each recipient shall be required by the Commission to
16 sign an agreement under which the recipient pledges to seek
17 employment as a forensic scientist with the Department of State
18 Police and, if such employment is obtained, to continue as an
19 employee of the Department of State Police for a minimum period
20 of 4 years. If a recipient of a grant under this Section fails
21 to fulfill the employment obligation, the Commission shall
22 require that the recipient repay the amount of the grant award,
23 prorated according to the fraction of the obligation not
24 completed, plus interest at a rate of 5% and, if applicable,
25 reasonable collection fees, as established by the Commission.

26 (e) A recipient of a grant award under this Section shall
27 not be in violation of the agreement entered into pursuant to
28 subsection (d) of this Section if the Department of State
29 Police is unable to offer employment to the recipient. The
30 Commission may adopt rules relating to other conditions under
31 which a recipient is not considered to be in violation of the
32 agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (d) of this
33 Section. Any extension of the period during which the
34 employment requirement under subsection (d) of this Section
35 must be fulfilled shall be subject to the limitations of
36 duration established by the Commission.

1 (f) The Commission and the Department of State Police shall
2 adopt all rules that are necessary for the implementation and
3 administration of this Section.

4 Section 90-10. The Nursing Education Scholarship Law is
5 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 975/5) (from Ch. 144, par. 2755)

7 Sec. 5. Nursing education scholarships. Beginning with the
8 fall term of the 2004-2005 academic year, the Department, in
9 accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by it for
10 this program, shall provide scholarships to individuals
11 selected from among those applicants who qualify for
12 consideration by showing:

13 (1) that he or she has been a resident of this State
14 for at least one year prior to application, and is a
15 citizen or a lawful permanent resident alien of the United
16 States;

17 (2) that he or she is enrolled in or accepted for
18 admission to an associate degree in nursing program,
19 hospital-based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate
20 degree in nursing program, graduate degree in nursing
21 program, or practical nursing program at an approved
22 institution; and

23 (3) that he or she agrees to meet the nursing
24 employment obligation.

25 If in any year the number of qualified applicants exceeds
26 the number of scholarships to be awarded, the Department shall,
27 in consultation with the Center for Nursing Advisory Board,
28 consider the following factors in granting ~~give~~ priority in
29 awarding scholarships:

30 (A) Financial ~~To students in the greatest~~
31 ~~financial~~ need, as shown on a standardized financial
32 needs assessment form used by an approved institution,
33 of students who will pursue their education on a
34 full-time or close ~~closest~~ to full-time basis and who

1 already have a certificate in practical nursing, a
2 diploma in nursing, or an associate degree in nursing
3 and are pursuing a higher degree.

4 (B) A student's status as a ~~To~~ registered nurse who
5 is ~~nurses~~ pursuing a graduate degree in nursing to
6 pursue employment in an approved institution that
7 educates licensed practical nurses and that educates
8 registered nurses in undergraduate and graduate
9 nursing programs.

10 (C) A student's merit, as shown through his or her
11 grade point average, class rank, and other academic and
12 extracurricular activities. The Department may add to
13 and further define these merit criteria by rule.

14 Unless otherwise indicated, scholarships shall be awarded
15 to recipients at approved institutions for a period of up to 2
16 years if the recipient is enrolled in an associate degree in
17 nursing program, up to 3 years if the recipient is enrolled in
18 a hospital-based diploma in nursing program, up to 4 years if
19 the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree in nursing
20 program, up to 5 years if the recipient is enrolled in a
21 graduate degree in nursing program, and up to one year if the
22 recipient is enrolled in a certificate in practical nursing
23 program. At least 40% of the scholarships awarded shall be for
24 recipients who are pursuing baccalaureate degrees in nursing,
25 30% of the scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who are
26 pursuing associate degrees in nursing or a diploma in nursing,
27 10% of the scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who are
28 pursuing a certificate in practical nursing, and 20% of the
29 scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who are pursuing a
30 graduate degree in nursing.

31 (Source: P.A. 92-43, eff. 1-1-02; 93-879, eff. 1-1-05.)

32 Section 90-15. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing
33 Act is amended by changing Section 10-10 and by adding Title 17
34 as follows:

1 (225 ILCS 65/10-10)

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

3 Sec. 10-10. Department powers and duties.

4 (a) The Department shall exercise the powers and duties
5 prescribed by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois for
6 administration of licensing acts and shall exercise other
7 powers and duties necessary for effectuating the purpose of
8 this Act. None of the functions, powers, or duties of the
9 Department with respect to licensure and examination shall be
10 exercised by the Department except upon review by the Board.
11 The Department shall adopt rules to implement, interpret, or
12 make specific the provisions and purposes of this Act; however
13 no such rules shall be adopted by the Department except upon
14 review by the Board.

15 (b) The Department shall:

16 (1) prepare and maintain a list of approved programs of
17 professional nursing education and programs of practical
18 nursing education in this State, whose graduates, if they
19 have the other necessary qualifications provided in this
20 Act, shall be eligible to apply for a license to practice
21 nursing in this State;

22 (2) promulgate rules defining what constitutes an
23 approved program of professional nursing education and
24 what constitutes an approved program of practical nursing
25 education; and

26 (3) adopt rules for examination of candidates for
27 licenses and for issuance of licenses authorizing
28 candidates upon passing an examination to practice under
29 this Act.

30 (c) The Department may act upon the recommendations of the
31 Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

32 (Source: P.A. 90-742, eff. 8-13-98.)

33 (225 ILCS 65/Tit. 17 heading new)

34 (Title heading scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

35 TITLE 17. ILLINOIS CENTER FOR NURSING

1 (225 ILCS 65/17-5 new)

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

3 Sec. 17-5. Definitions. In this Title:

4 "Board" means the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

5 "Center" means the Illinois Center for Nursing.

6 (225 ILCS 65/17-10 new)

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

8 Sec. 17-10. Illinois Center for Nursing. There is created
9 the Illinois Center for Nursing to address issues of supply and
10 demand in the nursing profession, including issues of
11 recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse manpower
12 resources. The General Assembly finds that the Center will
13 enhance the delivery of quality health care services by
14 providing an ongoing strategy for the allocation of the State's
15 resources directed towards nursing. Each of the following
16 objectives shall serve as the primary goals for the Center:

17 (1) To develop a strategic plan for nursing manpower in
18 Illinois by selecting priorities that must be addressed.

19 (2) To convene various groups of representatives of
20 nurses, other health care providers, businesses and
21 industries, consumers, legislators, and educators to:

22 (A) review and comment on data analysis prepared
23 for the Center;

24 (B) recommend systemic changes, including
25 strategies for implementation of recommended changes;
26 and

27 (C) evaluate and report the results of the Board's
28 efforts to the General Assembly and others.

29 (3) To enhance and promote recognition, reward, and
30 renewal activities for nurses in Illinois by:

31 (A) proposing and creating reward, recognition,
32 and renewal activities for nursing; and

33 (B) promoting media and positive image-building
34 efforts for nursing.

1 (225 ILCS 65/17-15 new)

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

3 Sec. 17-15. Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

4 (a) There is created the Center for Nursing Advisory Board,
5 which shall consist of 11 members appointed by the Governor,
6 with 6 members of the Board being nurses representative of
7 various nursing specialty areas. The other 5 members may
8 include representatives of associations, health care
9 providers, nursing educators, and consumers. The Board shall be
10 chaired by the Nursing Act Coordinator, who shall be a voting
11 member of the Board.

12 (b) The membership of the Board shall reasonably reflect
13 representation from the geographic areas in this State.

14 (c) Members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall
15 serve for terms of 4 years, with no member serving more than 10
16 successive years, except that, initially, 4 members shall be
17 appointed to the Board for terms that expire on June 30, 2009,
18 4 members shall be appointed to the Board for terms that expire
19 on June 30, 2008, and 3 members shall be appointed to the Board
20 for terms that expire on June 30, 2007. A member shall serve
21 until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified.
22 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
23 appointments, and any member so appointed shall serve during
24 the remainder of the term for which the vacancy occurred.

25 (d) A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of
26 Board members currently serving. A majority vote of the quorum
27 is required for Board decisions. A vacancy in the membership of
28 the Board shall not impair the right of a quorum to exercise
29 all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the Board.

30 (e) The Governor may remove any appointed member of the
31 Board for misconduct, incapacity, or neglect of duty and shall
32 be the sole judge of the sufficiency of the cause for removal.

33 (f) Members of the Board are immune from suit in any action
34 based upon any activities performed in good faith as members of
35 the Board.

1 (e) Members of the Board shall not receive compensation,
2 but shall be reimbursed for actual traveling, incidentals, and
3 expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out their duties as
4 members of the Board, as approved by the Department.

5 (225 ILCS 65/17-20 new)

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

7 Sec. 17-20. Powers and duties of the Board.

8 (a) The Board shall be advisory to the Department and shall
9 possess and perform each of the following powers and duties:

10 (1) determine operational policy;

11 (2) administer grants, scholarships, internships, and
12 other programs, as defined by rule, including the
13 administration of programs, as determined by law, that
14 further those goals set forth in Section 17-10 of this
15 Title, in consultation with other State agencies, as
16 provided by law;

17 (3) establish committees of the Board as needed;

18 (4) recommend the adoption and, from time to time, the
19 revision of those rules that may be adopted and necessary
20 to carry out the provisions of this Act;

21 (5) implement the major functions of the Center, as
22 established in the goals set forth in Section 17-10 of this
23 Title; and

24 (6) seek and accept non-State funds for carrying out
25 the policy of the Center.

26 (b) The Center shall work in consultation with other State
27 agencies as necessary.

28 ARTICLE 99. EFFECTIVE DATE.

29 Section 99-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law.