

FOR AT LEAST 4 YEARS AS A LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE OR A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE IN A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY DETERMINE IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES OR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.

(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES OR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, THE NONRESIDENT STUDENT TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY COURSES OR PROGRAMS REQUIRED FOR THAT PARTICULAR OCCUPATION.

(3) PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO STUDENTS WHO ENROLL IN A COURSE OF STUDY LEADING TO THAT OCCUPATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE DETERMINATION MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT AFFECT ANY STUDENT WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE NONRESIDENT TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAM PRIOR TO THE DETERMINATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(C) THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAM AND THE STATUS OF GRADUATES WITH AN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATION FOR WORK WITHIN THE STATE OR REPAYMENT OF TUITION REDUCTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

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CHAPTER 606

(Senate Bill 651)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing-Shortage-- Health Occupations - Shortage Projections

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct certain surveys and make certain projections of employment vacancy rates at certain hospitals and related institutions; defining certain terms; requiring the Secretary to annually report to certain persons on the