

(2) The State Scholarship Administration shall administer the Grant Program as provided in this section.

(3) In consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Administration shall adopt regulations to implement the Grant Program.

(c) An eligible institution is qualified to receive a grant under this section if the institution:

(1) Has an approved education program leading to licensure, certification, or registration in a health occupation determined to be in short supply; and

(2) Funds the approved education program at an amount not less than the preceding fiscal year.

(d) (1) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, an eligible institution shall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for each student who graduates, ~~IN EXCESS OF A THRESHOLD NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS,~~ from an approved education program leading to licensure, certification, or registration in a health occupation determined to be in short supply, that is in excess of the ~~total~~ LOWEST number of students who graduated from the approved education program at that eligible institution ~~during~~ COMMENCING IN THE academic year 1990-91~~].~~

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH, IN CONSULTATION WITH EACH APPROPRIATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, THAT INSTITUTION'S THRESHOLD NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

(e) (1) If the total amount of the grant to be issued under subsection (d) of this section is more than the amount appropriated in the annual State Budget, including the amount that is collected under the Physician Quality Assurance Fund under § 14-207(c)(2)(i) of the Health Occupations Article and transferred to this program, the amount of an eligible institution's grant for that period shall be equal to the product of the amount required to pay grants under subsection (d) multiplied by the ratio of the total amount appropriated to the eligible institution.

(2) Any unspent portions of the money that is transferred to the Administration for use under this section by the Comptroller may not be transferred to or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund maintained by the Administration to administer these programs to be used for the purposes specified in this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.