

(c) Each recipient of the nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall:

- (1) Be a nursing student;
- (2) Have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent;
- (3) Be selected by the Administration on a competitive basis from among the qualified applicants based on academic criteria established by the Commission; and
- (4) Perform the service obligation.

(d) (1) Each recipient of a nursing scholarship awarded under this section may be entitled, based on financial need, to an additional grant to meet living costs not to exceed ~~[\$2,400] \$4,000~~ \$3,000 annually for a full-time student or a prorated award according to the number of credit hours taken by a part-time student.

(2) Each additional grant shall be renewable on an annual basis up to a maximum amount of ~~[\$9,600] \$16,000~~ \$12,000, if the recipient meets the requirements for continuing the scholarship award under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section.

(3) The Administration shall require a recipient of a nursing scholarship who seeks an additional grant for living costs to provide information to the Administration sufficient to assure that the student has a definite financial need.

(e) The Commission shall establish and publish rules and regulations to administer the grants awarded under this section.

(f) Funds for the nursing scholarships awarded under this section shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

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

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 410

(House Bill 547)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Nursing Scholarships - Awards

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum annual award and the maximum total award for a nursing scholarship under the program of Economic Development Student Assistance Grants; increasing the maximum annual award and the maximum total award for an additional grant that may be awarded to nursing scholarship recipients under the program; increasing the maximum award for a