

E2SHB 2158 - S AMD 837

By Senator Becker

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1 On page 8, after line 13, insert the following:

2 "(8) \$1,000,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
3 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, from the
4 workforce education investment account and \$1,000,000, or as much
5 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
6 ending June 30, 2021, from the workforce education investment account
7 provided solely for the nurse educator incentive grant program
8 established in section 73 of this act."

9 On page 80, after line 26, insert the following:

10 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 73.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) The nurse educator incentive grant program is established.
13 The program shall be administered by the college board. In
14 administering the program, the college board shall:

15 (a) Verify nurse educators who are eligible to participate in the
16 program;

17 (b) Adopt rules and develop guidelines to administer the program;

18 (c) Coordinate with the community and technical colleges,
19 professional associations, and the student achievement council to
20 publicize the program, particularly to maximize participation among
21 individuals in shortage areas and among populations expected to
22 experience the greatest growth in the workforce; and

23 (d) Accept grants and donations from public and private sources
24 for the program.

25 (2) Nurse educators employed by a Washington state community or
26 technical college are eligible to participate in the program
27 immediately after commencing their employment as a nurse educator for
28 a college.

29 (3) Each participant is eligible for a maximum benefit amount
30 equal to the total cost of tuition fees for an approved doctorate of
31 nursing program or educational doctorate in nursing leadership.

1 (4) Incentive grant payments under the program shall begin no
2 later than ninety days after a nurse educator has become a
3 participant. Subject to the rules deemed appropriate by the college
4 board, incentive grant payments shall be made to the participant
5 until:

6 (a) The maximum benefit amount has been reached; or

7 (b) The participant becomes ineligible due to discontinued
8 service as a nurse educator on behalf of a Washington state community
9 or technical college.

10 (5) The college board may provide incentive grants to eligible
11 participants from the funds appropriated for this purpose or from any
12 private or public funds given to the college board for this purpose.
13 Funds appropriated for the program, including reasonable
14 administrative costs, may be used by the college board for the
15 purposes of program administration.

16 (6) For the purposes of this section:

17 (a) "Nurse educator" means a person who teaches nursing
18 candidates within a nursing program at a state community or technical
19 college.

20 (b) "Participant" means a nurse educator who has earned a
21 doctorate from an approved program, is a Washington resident,
22 received an incentive grant, and commenced practice as a nurse
23 educator at a state community or technical college.

24 (c) "Program" means the nurse educator incentive grant program.

25 (d) "Tuition fees" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.15.020."

26 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
27 internal references accordingly.

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28 On page 1, line 13 of the title, after "28B.145 RCW;" strike all
29 material through "section" and insert "adding new sections"

EFFECT: (1) Establishes the nurse educator incentive grant
program at the state board for community and technical colleges.

(2) Caps the maximum benefit amount at the equivalent cost of
tuition and fees at an approved doctorate of nursing program.

(3) Requires employment as a nurse educator at a state community or technical college to receive the incentive.

(4) Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the workforce education investment account in FY 2020 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2021.

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