

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 614, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 4, delete section 4, and insert:

1.3 "Sec. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.431, subdivision 36, is amended to
1.4 read:

1.5 Subd. 36. **Employee scholarship costs and training in English as a second**
1.6 **language.** (a) For the period between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2003, the commissioner
1.7 shall provide to each nursing facility reimbursed under this section, section 256B.434, or
1.8 any other section, a scholarship per diem of 25 cents to the total operating payment rate.
1.9 For the two rate years beginning on or after October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2017,
1.10 the commissioner shall allow a scholarship per diem of up to 25 cents for each requesting
1.11 facility to be added to the external fixed payment rate to be used:

1.12 (1) for employee scholarships that satisfy the following requirements:

1.13 (i) scholarships are available to all employees who work an average of at least ~~20~~
1.14 ten hours per week at the facility except the administrator, ~~department supervisors, and~~
1.15 registered nurses and to reimburse student loan expenses for newly hired and recently
1.16 graduated registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, and training expenses for
1.17 newly hired and recently graduated nursing assistants as defined in section 144A.61,
1.18 subdivision 2; and

1.19 (ii) the course of study is expected to lead to career advancement with the facility or
1.20 in long-term care, including medical care interpreter services and social work; and

1.21 (2) to provide job-related training in English as a second language.

1.22 (b) ~~A facility receiving~~ All facilities may annually request a rate adjustment under
1.23 this subdivision may submit by submitting information to the commissioner on a schedule
1.24 ~~determined by the commissioner and on~~ in a form supplied by the commissioner a
1.25 ~~calculation of the scholarship per diem, including: the amount received from this rate~~
1.26 ~~adjustment; the amount used for training in English as a second language; the number of~~
1.27 ~~persons receiving the training; the name of the person or entity providing the training;~~

2.1 ~~and for each scholarship recipient, the name of the recipient, the amount awarded, the~~
2.2 ~~educational institution attended, the nature of the educational program, the program~~
2.3 ~~completion date, and a determination of the per diem amount of these costs based on~~
2.4 ~~actual resident days. The commissioner shall allow a scholarship payment rate equal to~~
2.5 ~~the reported and allowable costs divided by resident days.~~

2.6 (c) ~~On July 1, 2003, the commissioner shall remove the 25-cent scholarship per diem~~
2.7 ~~from the total operating payment rate of each facility.~~

2.8 (d) ~~For rate years beginning after June 30, 2003, the commissioner shall provide~~
2.9 ~~to each facility the scholarship per diem determined in paragraph (b). In calculating the~~
2.10 ~~per diem under paragraph (b), the commissioner shall allow only costs related to tuition~~
2.11 ~~and, direct educational expenses, and child care costs and transportation expenses related~~
2.12 ~~to direct educational expenses.~~

2.13 (d) ~~The rate increase under this subdivision is an optional rate add-on that the facility~~
2.14 ~~must request from the commissioner in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. The~~
2.15 ~~rate increase must be used for scholarships as specified in this subdivision.~~

2.16 (e) ~~Nursing facilities that close beds during a rate year may request to have their~~
2.17 ~~scholarship adjustment under paragraph (b) recalculated by the commissioner for the~~
2.18 ~~remainder of the rate year to reflect the reduction in resident days compared to the cost~~
2.19 ~~report year.~~"

2.20 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.21 Amend the title accordingly