

Subject School Nurses

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Overview

This bill establishes school nurse recruitment grants and school nurse scholarships, and allows school nurses to receive loan forgiveness through the health professional education loan forgiveness program

Summary

Section	Description
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1	School nurse recruitment grants.
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Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes school nurse recruitment grants.

Subd. 2. District staff program. Allows a district to apply for a grant to establish a school nurse training program in partnership with a postsecondary institution. Requires the program to allow district staff or volunteers with an opportunity to obtain credentials to work as a school nurse. Specifies allowed uses for grant funds.

Subd. 3. Secondary school student program. Allows a district to use grant funds to develop and offer courses that introduce students to health careers and encourage students to pursue careers in nursing. Specifies allowed uses for grant funds.

Subd. 4. Clinical experience grant. Allows a district to use grant funds to establish a partnership with a nursing education program that exposes nursing students to a career as a school nurse.

Subd. 5. Application and report. Requires the commissioner of education to administer the grant. Requires grant recipients to report to the commissioner, and the commissioner to publish a report on how the grant funds were used.

Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2022.

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2	<p>School nurse scholarships.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Requires the commissioner of higher education to establish a scholarship for students who intend to work as a licensed school nurse in a school district.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Eligibility. Establishes scholarship eligibility criteria, including intent to work as a school nurse in a Minnesota school district.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Administration. Requires the commissioner to administer the scholarship program. Caps a scholarship at \$7,500 per year.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Reporting. Requires the commissioner to report to the legislature on the scholarship awards, number of applicants and recipients, and other summary data identified as outcome indicators.</p> <p>Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2022.</p>
3	<p>Creation of account. [Health professional education loan forgiveness program]</p> <p>Allows a nurse practicing in a school district or charter school to receive loan forgiveness through the health professional education loan forgiveness program.</p>
4	<p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates money for school nurse recruitment grants and school nurse scholarships.</p>



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