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nursing-supported group homes; preceptors

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SENATE BILL 1619

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-1803, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-1803, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-1803. Student nurse clinical rotation and licensed or
5 certified nurse training pilot program; preceptor
6 training; expansion; grants; definition

7 A. The student nurse clinical rotation and licensed or certified
8 nurse training **PILOT** program is established in the administration to
9 expand the capacity of preceptor training programs at health care
10 institutions for nursing students and licensed or certified nurses.

11 B. Except as provided in section 36-1804, the administration shall
12 develop a grant program to distribute monies appropriated for the student
13 nurse clinical rotation and licensed or certified nurse training **PILOT**
14 program to health care institutions that are licensed pursuant to chapter
15 4 of this title only to expand or create clinical training placements for
16 undergraduate nursing students and licensed or certified nurses to
17 transition to practice and increase specialty nursing skills. Eligible
18 preceptor training programs may include programs for nursing assistants,
19 licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and advanced practice nurses,
20 including nursing assistant programs offered by assisted living centers,
21 assisted living facilities, ~~and~~ nursing care institutions **AND**
22 **NURSING-SUPPORTED GROUP HOMES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 36-401** and approved by
23 the Arizona state board of nursing.

24 C. The grant monies are intended to supplement and not supplant
25 existing preceptor or training program expenses covered by the health care
26 institution grantee. A health care institution applying for a grant for a
27 licensed or certified nurse training program pursuant to this section
28 shall include matching monies from a revenue source other than the state
29 general fund.

30 D. The administration shall establish an application process for
31 the grant program and may award grants for multiyear programs. Proposals
32 must include outcome goals and measurements of the number of nurses
33 planned to be trained and retention targets. The administration shall
34 consider the following factors when determining grant awards:

- 35 1. The geographic and population distribution.
- 36 2. The number of nurses planned to be trained and retained.
- 37 3. The cost of the proposal for the number of nurses expected to
38 participate and to be retained compared to other proposals.

39 E. The administration may use monies appropriated for the purposes
40 of this section for program administration costs and, if deemed necessary
41 by the administration, to contract with individuals or entities to
42 administer all or any of the elements of the program.

1 F. The administration may use private donations, grants and federal
2 monies to implement, support, promote or maintain the program or to
3 supplant monies appropriated from the state general fund. The
4 administration shall use all other funding sources for the grant program
5 before using any state general fund monies.

6 G. The administration may terminate the funding of a grant if
7 outcomes reported pursuant to section 36-1805 demonstrate that the grant
8 proposal is not performing as planned. Monies returned may be used for
9 the other grant proposals.

10 H. For the purposes of this section, "licensed or certified nurse"
11 means a nurse who is or becomes licensed or certified while participating
12 in the training program and who is new to practice.

13 Sec. 2. Effective date

14 Section 36-1803, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act,
15 is effective from and after June 30, 2025.