

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0128

WYIN-nurse repayment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lubnau and Senator(s) Massie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to nursing; providing that certain Wyoming
2 investment in nursing loans may be repaid by practicing as
3 a nurse in Wyoming; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-123(c)(ii) and (iii) is amended
8 to read:

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10 **9-2-123. Wyoming investment in nursing loan and grant**
11 **program; eligibility criteria; procedures.**

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13 (c) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated
14 for this program, loans under the WYIN program may be
15 granted to applicants enrolled or planning to enroll in
16 nursing education programs as follows:

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2 (ii) A registered nurse with a baccalaureate

3 degree who holds an unencumbered license with the Wyoming

4 board of nursing, has the equivalent of at least one (1)

5 year of full-time service teaching in a nursing education

6 program in Wyoming as a registered nurse with a

7 baccalaureate degree, with preference given to a registered

8 nurse currently teaching at the University of Wyoming or a

9 Wyoming college, and the registered nurse is accepted into

10 a nursing education program at the University of Wyoming

11 leading to a master's degree in nursing or nursing

12 education may be eligible for a loan to pay the unmet need

13 of attendance, as determined by the Wyoming community

14 college commission or its designee, provided that in order

15 to receive a loan for a master's degree program, the

16 applicant shall agree to repay the loan by practicing

17 nursing in Wyoming or teaching at a Wyoming college or the

18 University of Wyoming. If the applicant registered nurse is

19 not accepted into a nursing education program at the

20 University of Wyoming and upon approval of the Wyoming

21 community college commission, the applicant registered

22 nurse may be accepted into an accredited nursing education

23 program at a university located outside of the state. Loans

24 awarded for applicants accepted into programs outside of

1 Wyoming shall not exceed the loan amounts available for
2 programs at the University of Wyoming;

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4 (iii) A registered nurse with a master's degree
5 in nursing who holds an unencumbered license with the
6 Wyoming board of nursing, has the equivalent of at least
7 one (1) year of full-time service teaching in a nursing
8 education program in Wyoming as a registered nurse with a
9 master's degree in nursing and is accepted into a nursing
10 education program at an institution providing the required
11 nursing education courses under contract with the western
12 interstate commission for higher education or in a distance
13 nursing education program at a university that is
14 regionally accredited leading to a doctorate level degree
15 in nursing may be eligible for a loan to pay the unmet need
16 of attendance, as determined by the Wyoming community
17 college commission or its designee, provided that in order
18 to receive a loan for a doctorate level degree program, the
19 applicant shall agree to repay the loan by practicing
20 nursing in Wyoming or teaching at the University of
21 Wyoming.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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