

ORIGINAL House
BILL NO. HB0071

ENROLLED ACT NO. 3, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming investment in nursing program; amending requirements for the master's and doctorate level education loans as specified; amending loan payback requirements; extending the program sunset date; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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

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

(ii) A registered nurse with a baccalaureate degree who holds an unencumbered license with the Wyoming board of nursing, ~~has the equivalent of at least one (1) year of full-time service teaching in a nursing education program in Wyoming as a registered nurse with a baccalaureate degree, with preference given to a registered nurse currently teaching at the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming college,~~ and ~~the registered nurse~~ is accepted into a nursing education program at the University of Wyoming leading to a master's degree or doctorate level degree in nursing or nursing education may be eligible for a loan to pay the unmet need of attendance, as determined by the Wyoming community college commission or its designee, provided that in order to receive a loan for ~~a master's degree~~ either program, the applicant shall agree to repay the loan by teaching nursing at a Wyoming community college

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or the University of Wyoming. If the applicant registered nurse is not accepted into a nursing education program at the University of Wyoming and upon approval of the Wyoming community college commission, the applicant registered nurse may be accepted into an accredited nursing education program at a university located outside of the state. Loans awarded for applicants accepted into programs outside of Wyoming shall not exceed the loan amounts available for programs at the University of Wyoming;

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

(o) This program created by this section shall expire effective June 30, ~~2016~~2020.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2015.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk