

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0071

Nursing education programs.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim
Committee

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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12 **9-2-123. Wyoming investment in nursing loan and grant**
13 **program; eligibility criteria; procedures.**

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

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6 (ii) A registered nurse with a baccalaureate
7 degree who holds an unencumbered license with the Wyoming
8 board of nursing, ~~has the equivalent of at least one (1)~~
9 ~~year of full-time service teaching in a nursing education~~
10 ~~program in Wyoming as a registered nurse with a~~
11 ~~baccalaureate degree, with preference given to a registered~~
12 ~~nurse currently teaching at the University of Wyoming or a~~
13 ~~Wyoming college, and the registered nurse~~ is accepted into
14 a nursing education program at the University of Wyoming
15 leading to a master's degree in nursing or nursing
16 education may be eligible for a loan to pay the unmet need
17 of attendance, as determined by the Wyoming community
18 college commission or its designee, provided that in order
19 to receive a loan for a master's degree program, the
20 applicant shall agree to repay the loan by teaching at a
21 Wyoming college, community college or the University of
22 Wyoming. If the applicant registered nurse is not accepted
23 into a nursing education program at the University of

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

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

1 applicant shall agree to repay the loan by teaching at a
2 Wyoming college, community college or the University of
3 Wyoming.

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

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

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10 (END)