



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 515

February Session, 2004

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AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NURSING SHORTAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Connecticut nursing faculty incentive program administered by the
3 Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

4 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide
5 grants to institutions of higher education that work collaboratively
6 with hospitals, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, to
7 (1) establish or expand nursing education programs designed to
8 qualify a person who successfully completes such program to teach or
9 train nursing students enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's
10 degree in nursing or certification to work as a registered nurse, or (2)
11 encourage persons employed by hospitals or in other industries who
12 are qualified to teach or train nursing students enrolled in a program
13 leading to a bachelor's degree in nursing or certification to work as a
14 registered nurse to serve as full-time or part-time faculty members at
15 institutions of higher education.

16 (c) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Office of Workforce
17 Competitiveness shall submit a status report, in accordance with the
18 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the establishment
19 and operation of the incentive program authorized under this section
20 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

