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**"AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NURSING SHORTAGE AND
ESTABLISHING A CHALLENGE GRANT FOR REGIONAL
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS."**

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- 1 In line 4, before "four" insert "up to" in lieu thereof
 - 2 In line 8, strike "and" and insert "in order to" in lieu thereof
 - 3 In line 19, strike "and (B) the amount" and insert "or (B) the annual
 - 4 amount" in lieu thereof
 - 5 In line 20, after "partnership" insert ", whichever is less" and strike
 - 6 "Colleges seeking assistance for a second"
 - 7 Strike line 21 in its entirety
 - 8 In line 22, strike "private funding secured by the partnership."
 - 9 In line 24, after "the" insert "success of the nursing faculty expansion
 - 10 plan, as measured by factors including, but not limited to, the"
 - 11 Strike lines 28 to 32, inclusive, and renumber remaining subsections

12 accordingly

13 In line 68, strike "five hundred" and insert "two hundred fifty" in
14 lieu thereof

15 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
16 internal references accordingly:

17 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
18 Connecticut nursing faculty incentive program administered by the
19 Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

20 (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide
21 grants to institutions of higher education that work collaboratively
22 with hospitals, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, to
23 (1) establish or expand nursing education programs designed to
24 qualify a person who successfully completes such program to teach or
25 train nursing students enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's
26 degree in nursing or certification to work as a registered nurse, or (2)
27 encourage persons employed by hospitals or in other industries who
28 are qualified to teach or train nursing students enrolled in a program
29 leading to a bachelor's degree in nursing or certification to work as a
30 registered nurse to serve as full-time or part-time faculty members at
31 institutions of higher education.

32 (c) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Office of Workforce
33 Competitiveness shall submit a status report, in accordance with the
34 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the establishment
35 and operation of the incentive program authorized under this section
36 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
37 cognizance of matters relating to education, public health and higher
38 education and employment advancement.

39 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Higher
40 Education shall conduct an assessment of the current and future
41 capacity of the state system of higher education to educate and train
42 students seeking to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing or seeking to

43 become a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse. Such assessment
44 shall include an examination of (1) the number of faculty members
45 employed by each institution of higher education that are qualified to
46 teach such students, (2) the number of nursing students that can be
47 accommodated by each institution of higher education, (3) the number
48 of nursing students admitted to each institution of higher education,
49 (4) the number of nursing students that have graduated from each
50 institution of higher education with a bachelor's, master's or doctoral
51 degree in nursing, and (5) any barriers to graduation for nursing
52 students enrolled at an institution of higher education.

53 (b) Not later than January 5, 2005, the Commissioner of Higher
54 Education shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
55 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the results of such assessment
56 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
57 cognizance of matters relating to public health and higher education
58 and employment advancement."