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Substitute House Bill No. 6336

House of Representatives, March 31, 2009

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING NURSES PURSUING ADVANCED DEGREES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Department of
2 Higher Education, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of the
3 Connecticut State University System, may develop a graduate
4 assistantship program for nurses who are enrolled as full or part-time
5 matriculated students in the Doctor of Education program for nursing
6 education at Southern Connecticut State University and Western
7 Connecticut State University. The board shall take all feasible steps to
8 maximize federal funds available to support such program.

9 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University
10 System may waive the payment of tuition for nurses who are enrolled
11 as full-time matriculated students in such Doctor of Education
12 program and provide at least twenty hours of service per week in
13 teaching or research to said universities pursuant to such graduate
14 assistantship program.

15 (c) Said board of trustees may provide assistantship payments in an
16 amount to be determined by the board to those nurses who are
17 enrolled as part-time matriculated students in such Doctor of
18 Education program and participate in such graduate assistantship
19 program.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) The Board of Governors of
21 Higher Education shall take all feasible steps to maximize available
22 federal funds in order to establish a nursing program at Northwestern
23 Connecticut Community College.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
CT State Univ.	GF - None	None	None
Higher Ed., Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The Department of Higher Education and the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) can develop a graduate assistantship program for nursing students in the Doctor of Education program with existing resources. The CSUS is currently in the process of establishing the program.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6336*****AN ACT CONCERNING NURSES PURSUING ADVANCED DEGREES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to develop a graduate assistantship program for nurses enrolled as full- or part-time matriculated students in the Doctor of Education program for nursing education at Southern and Western Connecticut State universities. It must do so (1) in conjunction with the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System and (2) by taking all feasible steps to maximize available federal funds for the program.

The bill authorizes the board of trustees to waive tuition for participating nurses (1) enrolled in the program full-time and (2) who provide at least 20 hours of teaching or research service at the universities. It authorizes the board to provide assistantship payments to participating nurses enrolled in the program as part-time matriculated students.

The bill also requires the Board of Governors of Higher Education to take all feasible steps to maximize available federal funds to establish a nursing program at Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/17/2009)