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**Raised Bill No. 6689**

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Referred to Committee on BANKING

Introduced by:

(BA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY REFINANCE LOAN SUBSIDY  
FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Connecticut Higher  
2 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish, within the  
3 limits of the funds available in the account established in section 2 of  
4 this act, a Nursing and Mental Health Care Professionals Loan Subsidy  
5 Program for the purpose of subsidizing interest rates on authority loans  
6 issued to refinance eligible loans for health care professionals who (1)  
7 are actively employed in a clinical setting, (2) are licensed pursuant to  
8 chapters 378, 378a, 383, 383a, 383b and 383c of the general statutes, and  
9 (3) meet the eligibility criteria established pursuant to subsection (b) of  
10 this section. For the purposes of this section, "authority loans" and  
11 "eligible loans" have the same meanings as provided in section 10a-223  
12 of the general statutes.

13 (b) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority  
14 shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Commissioner of  
15 Education to establish eligibility criteria and administrative guidelines  
16 for the program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

17 Such eligibility criteria and guidelines shall include, but need not be  
18 limited to, (1) applicant eligibility criteria, (2) interest rate subsidies and  
19 principal limits on authority loans offered under the program, (3) a  
20 process for verifying that applicants are actively employed in a clinical  
21 setting, and (4) a requirement that an interest rate subsidy on an  
22 authority loan issued under the program be terminated if the subsidy  
23 recipient fails to meet the requirements of the program at any time  
24 during the term of such loan.

25 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) There is established an account  
26 to be known as the "nursing and mental health care professionals loan  
27 subsidy program account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
28 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys  
29 required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but not  
30 limited to, any state appropriation or the proceeds from the sale of any  
31 bonds issued for the purpose of section 1 of this act. Moneys in the  
32 account shall be expended by the Connecticut Higher Education  
33 Supplemental Loan Authority (1) for the purposes of the Health Care  
34 Professionals Loan Subsidy Program, established pursuant to section 1  
35 of this act, including, but not limited to, for reasonable expenses  
36 necessary to administer said program, (2) to issue authority loans under  
37 said program to refinance one or more eligible loans, and (3) to maintain  
38 a reserve, held by the authority, to cover any losses incurred by the  
39 authority in issuing authority loans under said program. For the  
40 purposes of this section, "authority loans" and "eligible loans" have the  
41 same meanings as provided in section 10a-223 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish student loan subsidies for certain health care professionals.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*