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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3561

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3561 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 34-18.82 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.82 new)

7 Sec. 34-18.82. Nursing pipeline sustainment program.

8 (a) No later than September 15, 2023, the board shall  
9 create a nurse pipeline sustainment program. This program  
10 shall seek to develop and retain nurses in the district.

11 (b) To be eligible, an employee must be currently working  
12 as a licensed practical nurse for at least one year with the  
13 board.

14 (c) The program shall seek to support a licensed practical  
15 nurse seeking to become a registered nurse.

16 (d) The program shall partner with accredited institutions

1 of higher education, mutually agreed upon by the board and the  
2 exclusive bargaining representative, to complete necessary  
3 nursing classes, labs, and clinicals to obtain the  
4 prerequisites to take the licensure exam to become a  
5 registered nurse. Nursing classes and labs should not occur  
6 during the employee's scheduled work hours or conflict with  
7 the employee's board employment. Clinicals that take place at  
8 district schools during work hours are permitted if they have  
9 been approved by the employee's direct supervisor.

10 (e) Members of the program should, to the extent  
11 practicable, continue working at their current school sites  
12 and continue to work in the district for at least 2 years upon  
13 completion of the registered nurse credential.

14 (f) The district shall cover up to \$10,000 in expenses per  
15 candidate for up to 100 candidates per year, selected upon  
16 application to the program, for nursing program classes, labs,  
17 and clinicals. Candidates must commit to at least 2 years as a  
18 registered nurse in the district upon passing of the  
19 registered nurse licensure exam, which must be taken within 6  
20 months after the completion of the program. For candidates who  
21 leave the district before the end of the 2 years, candidates  
22 shall reimburse the district for a proportional cost of the  
23 time they do not complete with the district. Additional  
24 covered costs for completing the licensure are subject to  
25 appropriation. Nurses shall be required to complete a tuition  
26 reimbursement contract in accordance with the board's existing

1 policies.

2 (g) The nurse pipeline sustainment program shall end on  
3 December 31, 2027.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.".