

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Health Services Education Grants Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 215/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 824)

7 Sec. 4. Grants may be made to the following classes of  
8 institutions that offer health services programs: (i) medical,  
9 dental, pharmacy, optometry, and nursing schools, (ii)  
10 physician assistant programs, (iii) psychology and other  
11 physical and mental health-related schools and programs, and  
12 (iv) hospitals and clinical facilities used in health service  
13 training programs.

14 Qualification for grants shall be on the basis of either  
15 the number of Illinois resident enrollees or the number of  
16 degrees granted to students who are residents of this State or  
17 both. The grant amount shall be determined by the Board of  
18 Higher Education for each class of institution.

19 At the discretion of the Board of Higher Education grants  
20 may be made for a class of institution in any or all of the  
21 following forms:

22 (1) Single nonrecurring grants for planning and  
23 capital expense based on the increase in the number of

1 Illinois resident enrollees;

2 (2) Annual grants based on the number of degrees  
3 granted to (a) Illinois resident enrollees, or (b) Illinois  
4 resident enrollees from minority racial and ethnic groups,  
5 or both (a) and (b);

6 (3) Annual stabilization grants based on the number of  
7 (a) Illinois residents enrolled, or (b) Illinois residents  
8 enrolled from minority racial and ethnic groups, or both  
9 (a) and (b); and

10 (4) Program priority grants based on State residents  
11 enrolled in eligible programs that address public demand  
12 for health services, workforce needs and shortages, and  
13 other programmatic priorities, such as sole service  
14 providers, academic needs, or industry standards. The  
15 Board of Higher Education may annually dedicate a portion  
16 of appropriated funds, not to exceed 10% of appropriations,  
17 to support program priority grants. In determining program  
18 priority areas, the Board of Higher Education shall  
19 annually consult with constituent institutions.

20 In awarding grants to nursing schools and to hospital  
21 schools of nursing, the Board of Higher Education may also  
22 consider whether the nursing program is located in a certified  
23 nurse shortage area. For purposes of this Section "certified  
24 nurse shortage area" means an area certified by the Director of  
25 the Department of Public Health as a nurse shortage area based  
26 on the most reliable data available to the Director.

1 (Source: P.A. 94-193, eff. 7-12-05.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.