

1-1 By: Howard, Zerwas, Raymond H.B. No. 1401
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;
 1-4 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
 1-5 May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 13,
 1-6 Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-24 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-25 AN ACT

1-26 relating to the use of money from the permanent fund for
 1-27 health-related programs to provide grants to nursing education
 1-28 programs.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Sections 63.202(f) and (g), Education Code, are
 1-31 amended to read as follows:

1-32 (f) Notwithstanding the limitation provided by Subsection
 1-33 (b), grants awarded under Subsection (c) for the state fiscal
 1-34 biennium ending on August 31, 2021 [2017], and the fiscal biennium
 1-35 ending on August 31, 2023 [2019], by the Texas Higher Education
 1-36 Coordinating Board shall be awarded to programs preparing students
 1-37 for initial licensure as registered nurses or programs preparing
 1-38 qualified faculty members with a master's or doctoral degree for
 1-39 the program, including programs at two-year institutions of higher
 1-40 education, four-year general academic teaching institutions,
 1-41 health science centers, and independent or private institutions of
 1-42 higher education, or to the nursing resource section established
 1-43 under Section 105.002(b), Health and Safety Code. In awarding
 1-44 grants under this subsection, the coordinating board may:

1-45 (1) give priority to institutions proposing to address
 1-46 the shortage of registered nurses by promoting innovation in
 1-47 education, recruitment, and retention of nursing students and
 1-48 qualified faculty;

1-49 (2) award grants on a competitive basis;

1-50 (3) consider the availability of matching funds; and

1-51 (4) fund a study by the nursing resource section to
 1-52 evaluate the competencies of clinical judgment and behaviors that
 1-53 professional nursing students should possess at the time of
 1-54 graduation.

1-55 (g) Subsection (f) and this subsection expire September 1,
 1-56 2023 [2019].

1-57 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-58 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-59 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-60 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-61 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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