

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1758
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 26, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 26, 2019,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Buckingham	X			
1-12 Flores	X			
1-13 Menéndez	X			
1-14 Powell	X			
1-15 Taylor	X			
1-16 Watson	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1758 By: Creighton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the application of certain occupation-related
 1-22 postsecondary educational financial aid and student loan repayment
 1-23 programs.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 61.605(a), Education Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (a) The board may provide repayment assistance under this
 1-28 subchapter for the repayment of any student loan, including a loan
 1-29 for undergraduate education, received by an eligible person through
 1-30 any lender for education at:

1-31 (1) an institution of higher education;

1-32 (2) ~~[]~~ a private or independent institution of higher
 1-33 education;

1-34 (3) ~~[, or]~~ a public or private out-of-state
 1-35 institution of higher education accredited by a recognized
 1-36 accrediting agency; or

1-37 (4) a nonprofit, tax-exempt, regionally accredited
 1-38 college or university operating in accordance with a memorandum of
 1-39 understanding with this state under an executive order issued by
 1-40 the governor~~[, including loans for undergraduate education,~~
 1-41 ~~received by an eligible person through any lender].~~

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 61.608(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-43 read as follows:

1-44 (b) The board shall distribute to each institution of higher
 1-45 education or private or independent institution of higher
 1-46 education, each college or university described by Section
 1-47 61.605(a)(4), and ~~[to]~~ any appropriate state agency and
 1-48 professional association copies of the rules adopted under this
 1-49 section and other pertinent information relating to this
 1-50 subchapter.

1-51 SECTION 3. Section 61.9621, Education Code, is amended to
 1-52 read as follows:

1-53 Sec. 61.9621. DEFINITION. In this subchapter,
 1-54 "professional nursing program" means an educational program
 1-55 preparing students for initial licensure as registered nurses
 1-56 offered by:

1-57 (1) a public or private institution of higher
 1-58 education; or

1-59 (2) a nonprofit, tax-exempt, regionally accredited
 1-60 college or university operating in accordance with a memorandum of

2-1 understanding with this state under an executive order issued by
2-2 the governor [~~for preparing students for initial licensure as~~
2-3 ~~registered nurses~~].

2-4 SECTION 4. Section 61.96232(a), Education Code, is amended
2-5 to read as follows:

2-6 (a) The board by rule shall establish a process under which
2-7 a public or private institution of higher education or an
2-8 institution described by Section 61.9621(2) that offers a
2-9 professional nursing program may apply for a grant under this
2-10 subchapter and the commissioner of higher education, contingent on
2-11 appropriations of money for the grants, selects one or more
2-12 applicants to receive a grant based on criteria established by
2-13 board rule. The criteria must include the institution's agreement
2-14 that the institution's professional nursing program will enroll
2-15 additional students or graduate additional students prepared for
2-16 initial licensure as registered nurses.

2-17 SECTION 5. Section 61.9751(2), Education Code, is amended
2-18 to read as follows:

2-19 (2) "Nursing education program" means:

2-20 (A) an undergraduate professional nursing
2-21 program or a graduate professional nursing program as those terms
2-22 are defined by Section 54.355; and

2-23 (B) a comparable nursing program offered by a
2-24 nonprofit, tax-exempt, regionally accredited college or university
2-25 operating in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with
2-26 this state under an executive order issued by the governor.

2-27 SECTION 6. Section 61.9824(a), Education Code, is amended
2-28 to read as follows:

2-29 (a) The board may provide repayment assistance for the
2-30 repayment of any student loan received by an eligible person
2-31 through any lender that is for education, including undergraduate
2-32 education, at:

2-33 (1) a public or private institution of higher
2-34 education; or

2-35 (2) a nonprofit, tax-exempt, regionally accredited
2-36 college or university operating in accordance with a memorandum of
2-37 understanding with this state under an executive order issued by
2-38 the governor [any public or private institution of higher
2-39 education, including a loan for undergraduate education, received
2-40 by an eligible person through any lender].

2-41 SECTION 7. Section 61.9835(a), Education Code, is amended
2-42 to read as follows:

2-43 (a) The board may provide repayment assistance under this
2-44 subchapter for the repayment of any student loan received by an
2-45 eligible person through an eligible lender that [+

2-46 (1)] is for education at:

2-47 (1) a public or private institution of higher
2-48 education; or [and]

2-49 (2) a nonprofit, tax-exempt, regionally accredited
2-50 college or university operating in accordance with a memorandum of
2-51 understanding with this state under an executive order issued by
2-52 the governor [is received by an eligible person through an eligible
2-53 lender].

2-54 SECTION 8. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-55 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
2-56 adopt any rules necessary to administer the changes in law made by
2-57 this Act.

2-58 SECTION 9. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
2-59 may not award grants under the professional nursing shortage
2-60 reduction program as provided by the changes in law made by this Act
2-61 to Sections 61.9621 and 61.96232, Education Code, before June 1,
2-62 2021.

2-63 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it
2-64 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
2-65 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
2-66 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
2-67 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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