

SB 456-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL

456-FN

AN ACT

relative to the state loan repayment program for qualified nursing professionals, and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. L. Walsh, Rock. 15

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services, state office of rural health, for the state loan repayment program to qualified nursing professionals, and directs the department of health and human services to provide a report to the legislature on a budget proposal for a student loan forgiveness program that would cover nurses who do not qualify for the state loan repayment program.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to the state loan repayment program for qualified nursing professionals,
and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Appropriation. For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the sum of \$300,000 is hereby
2 appropriated to the department of health and human services, state office of rural health,
3 established under RSA 126-A:5, XVIII, for deposit into the state loan repayment program,
4 established pursuant to RSA 6:12, I(b)(330). These dedicated, non-lapsing funds shall be limited to
5 qualified nursing professionals licensed under RSA 326-B, the nurse practice act. The governor is
6 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
7 appropriated.

8 2 Reporting. The department of health and human services shall provide a report to the
9 president of the senate the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate
10 and house committees with jurisdiction over health and human services, the senate clerk, the house
11 clerk, the governor, and the state library. This report shall contain a budget proposal for a student
12 loan forgiveness program that would cover nurses who do not qualify for the state loan repayment
13 program, and shall be submitted on or before November 1, 2024.

14 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SB 456-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2024-0826s)

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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures	\$300,000		\$0	\$0
\$0Funding Source(s)	General Fund			
Appropriations	\$300,000		\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	General Fund			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? ☒ Yes
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? ☒ No

METHODOLOGY:

This bill appropriates \$300,000 for the FY 24/25 biennium to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of extending the state loan repayment program (SLRP) to qualified nursing professionals. In addition, the bill requires the Department to develop a budget proposal for a student loan forgiveness program that would cover nurses who do not qualify for the SLRP.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None