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SENATE BILL

No. 139

Introduced by Senator Scott
(Coauthors: Senators Alquist, Padilla, and Wyland)

January 25, 2007

An act to amend Sections ~~70120, 70124~~ 70101, 70120, 70124, 78261, 87482, 89267, and 92645 of, and to add ~~Section 70128.5~~ Sections 66055.8, 66055.9, 70128.5, and 78261.3 to, the Education Code, and to add Article 5 (commencing with Section 128050) to Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to nursing education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 139, as amended, Scott. Nursing education.

(1) The existing Donahoe Higher Education Act sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of the various segments of postsecondary education in the state. These segments include the California State University, the California Community Colleges, and the various private and independent colleges and universities.

This bill would add to the Donahoe Higher Education Act a provision prohibiting a campus of the California State University or the California Community Colleges that operates a registered nursing program from requiring a student who has been admitted to that registered nursing program and who has already earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution to complete general education requirements. The bill would instead authorize these segments to require those students to complete only the coursework that is necessary to prepare him or her for licensing as a registered nurse.

The bill would authorize any college, university, or other entity that operates an accredited registered nursing program to require any prospective student to provide criminal record clearance, as defined, prior to enrollment.

(1)

(2) Existing law establishes the Student Aid Commission as the primary state agency for the administration of state-authorized student financial aid programs available to students attending all segments of postsecondary education.

Existing law establishes the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE), administered by the commission, under which any person enrolled in an institution of postsecondary education and participating in that loan assumption program is eligible to receive a conditional warrant for loan assumption, to be redeemed upon becoming employed as a full-time nursing faculty member at a California college or university.

Existing law establishes a loan assumption program for employees of specified state facilities within the SNAPLE program. This program provides loan assumption benefits to persons who fulfill agreements to work full time for 4 consecutive years as clinical registered nurses in state-operated 24-hour facilities, as specified, that employ registered nurses and that, at the time the person commences employment at the facility, have a vacancy rate of greater than 10% in clinical registered nursing positions, as reported, pursuant to the bill, to the commission by the Department of Personnel Administration. The program provides for a progressive assumption of the amount of a qualifying loan over 4 consecutive years of qualifying clinical registered nursing service, up to a total loan assumption of \$20,000.

Under existing law, this program becomes inoperative on July 1, 2012, and is repealed on January 1, 2013.

This bill would make a person who has earned a baccalaureate or graduate level degree, and who meets the other requirements of the program, eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption under the program. The bill would make a person who is currently employed as a registered nurse in a state-operated 24-hour facility ineligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption under this program. The bill would also specify that, in any fiscal year, the commission shall award no more than the number of warrants that are authorized by the Governor and the Legislature in the annual Budget Act for that year for the assumption of loans pursuant to the program.

(2)

(3) *Existing law authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to award grants to community college districts with associate degree nursing programs to expand enrollment, reduce program attrition, or both. Under this provision, funds may be used for, among other purposes, the providing of diagnostic assessments.*

This bill would provide that the board of governors solely, rather than the board of governors and the chancellor, would award these grants. The bill would specify that any community college district, irrespective of whether it participates in the program established by this provision, may use any diagnostic assessment tool that is commonly used in registered nursing programs and is approved by the chancellor.

Existing

(4) *Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law provides for the operation of 25 component institutions of the university.*

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law authorizes the provision of instruction at the 10 component institutions of the university. Existing law expresses legislative intent with respect to the expansion of baccalaureate degree nursing programs of those respective segments.

This bill would express legislative intent that the funding for the enrollment expansions referenced in this section be funded within the general enrollment growth funding that is traditionally provided to the respective segments during the annual budget process.

(3)

(5) *Existing law establishes the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, which is charged with the administration of health policy and planning. Existing law establishes the California Health Data and Planning Fund, and authorizes moneys from that fund to be appropriated for expenditure for health-related programs of the office.*

This bill would provide for the establishment of a healthcare workforce clearinghouse under the administration of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The bill would provide that the clearinghouse would serve as the central source of health care

workforce and educational-pipeline data in the state. The bill would provide that the activities of the clearinghouse would be funded by appropriations made from the California Health Data and Planning Fund.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66055.8 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 66055.8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a campus
4 of the California State University or the California Community
5 Colleges that operates a registered nursing program shall not
6 require a student who has been admitted to that registered nursing
7 program and who has already earned a baccalaureate degree
8 from an accredited institution to complete general education
9 requirements, but rather shall require that student to complete
10 only the coursework that is necessary to prepare him or her for
11 licensing as a registered nurse.

12 SEC. 2. Section 66055.9 is added to the Education Code, to
13 read:

14 66055.9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any
15 college, university, or other entity that operates an accredited
16 registered nursing program may require any prospective student
17 to provide criminal record clearance within the meaning of Section
18 1265.5 of the Health and Safety Code prior to enrollment.

19 SEC. 3. Section 70101 of the Education Code is amended to
20 read:

21 70101. (a) Program participants shall meet all of the following
22 eligibility criteria prior to selection into the program, and shall
23 continue to meet these criteria, as appropriate, during the payment
24 periods:

25 (1) The participant shall be a United States citizen or eligible
26 noncitizen.

27 (2) The participant shall be a California resident attending, or
28 having earned a baccalaureate or graduate level degree from, an
29 eligible school or college.

30 (3) The participant shall be making satisfactory academic
31 progress.

1 (4) The participant shall have complied with United States
2 Selective Service requirements.

3 (5) The participant shall not owe a refund on any state or federal
4 educational grant or have delinquent or defaulted student loans.

5 (b) Any person *who has* enrolled in, *or graduated from*, an
6 institution of postsecondary education, and *who is* participating in
7 the loan assumption program set forth in this article, may be
8 eligible to receive a conditional warrant for loan assumption, to
9 be redeemed pursuant to this ~~act~~ *chapter* upon becoming employed
10 as a full-time nursing faculty member at a California college or
11 university or the equivalent of full-time service as a nursing faculty
12 member employed part time at one or more California colleges or
13 universities.

14 (c) (1) The commission shall award loan assumption agreements
15 to undergraduate students with demonstrated academic ability and
16 financial need, as determined by the commission pursuant to Article
17 1.5 (commencing with Section 69503) of Chapter 2, and to graduate
18 students with demonstrated academic ability.

19 (2) The applicant shall have completed a baccalaureate *level or*
20 *graduate level* degree program or be enrolled in an academic
21 program leading to a baccalaureate level or a graduate level degree.

22 (3) The applicant shall be currently enrolled in ~~or~~, admitted to,
23 *or have successfully completed*, a program in which he or she will
24 be enrolled on at least a half-time basis each academic term as
25 defined by an eligible institution. The applicant shall agree to
26 maintain satisfactory academic progress.

27 (4) The applicant shall have been judged by his or her
28 postsecondary institution to have outstanding ability on the basis
29 of criteria that may include, but need not be limited to, any of the
30 following:

31 (A) Grade point average.

32 (B) Test scores.

33 (C) Faculty evaluations.

34 (D) Interviews.

35 (E) Other recommendations.

36 (5) The applicant shall have received, or be approved to receive,
37 a loan under one or more of the following designated loan
38 programs:

39 (A) The Federal Family Education Loan Program (20 U.S.C.
40 Sec. 1071 et seq.).

1 (B) The Federal Direct Loan Program.

2 (C) Any loan program approved by the commission.

3 (6) The applicant shall have agreed to teach nursing on a
4 full-time basis at one or more accredited California colleges or
5 universities for at least three years, or on a part-time basis for the
6 equivalent of three full-time academic years, commencing not
7 more than 12 months after obtaining an academic degree, unless
8 the applicant, within 12 months after obtaining the academic
9 degree, enrolls in an academic degree program leading to a more
10 advanced degree in nursing or a field related to nursing.

11 (7) An applicant who teaches on less than a full-time basis may
12 participate in the program, but is not eligible for loan repayment
13 until that person teaches for the equivalent of a full-time academic
14 year.

15 (d) A person participating in the program pursuant to this section
16 shall not receive more than one loan assumption agreement, and
17 shall not be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to Article 3.51
18 (commencing with Section 78260) of Chapter 2 of Part 48.

19 **SECTION 1.**

20 *SEC. 4.* Section 70120 of the Education Code is amended to
21 read:

22 70120. (a) (1) Any person enrolled in an eligible institution,
23 or any person who agrees to work full time as a registered nurse
24 in a state-operated 24-hour facility that employs registered nurses,
25 may be eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption, to
26 be redeemed pursuant to Section 70122 upon becoming employed
27 as a clinical registered nurse in a state-operated 24-hour facility
28 that employs registered nurses and that has a clinical registered
29 nurse vacancy rate of greater than 10 percent as reported annually
30 to the commission by the Department of Personnel Administration
31 pursuant to Section 70121. In order to be eligible to enter into an
32 agreement for loan assumption, an applicant shall satisfy all of the
33 conditions specified in subdivision (b).

34 (2) As used in this article, “eligible institution” means a
35 postsecondary institution that is determined by the Student Aid
36 Commission to meet both of the following requirements:

37 (A) The institution is eligible to participate in state and federal
38 financial aid programs.

1 (B) The institution maintains an accredited program of
2 professional preparation for licensing as a registered nurse in
3 California.

4 (3) As used in this article, “state-operated 24-hour facility”
5 includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a state-operated prison,
6 psychiatric hospital, or veterans’ home.

7 (b) (1) The applicant has been admitted to, or is enrolled in, *or*
8 *has successfully completed* an accredited program of professional
9 preparation for licensing as a registered nurse in California.
10 However, a person who is currently employed as a registered nurse
11 in a state-operated 24-hour facility *may be eligible to enter into*
12 *an agreement for loan assumption under Article 1 (commencing*
13 *with Section 70100)*, but is not eligible to enter into an agreement
14 for loan assumption under this article.

15 (2) The applicant is currently enrolled, or has been admitted to
16 a program in which he or she will be enrolled, on a full-time basis,
17 as determined by the participating institution. The applicant shall
18 agree to maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum
19 of full-time enrollment, as defined by the participating eligible
20 institution.

21 (3) The applicant has been judged by his or her postsecondary
22 institution to have outstanding ability on the basis of criteria that
23 may include, but need not be limited to, any of the following:

24 (A) Grade point average.

25 (B) Test scores.

26 (C) Faculty evaluations.

27 (D) Interviews.

28 (E) Other recommendations.

29 (4) The applicant has received, or is approved to receive, a loan
30 under one or more of the following designated loan programs:

31 (A) The Federal Family Education Loan Program (20 U.S.C.
32 Sec. 1071 et seq.).

33 (B) Any loan program approved by the Student Aid
34 Commission.

35 (5) The applicant has agreed to work full time for at least four
36 consecutive years as a clinical registered nurse in a state-operated
37 24-hour facility that employs registered nurses and that has a
38 clinical registered nurse vacancy rate of greater than 10 percent
39 as reported annually to the commission by the Department of
40 Personnel Administration.

1 (c) No applicant who has completed fewer than 60 semester
2 units, or the equivalent, shall be eligible under this section to
3 participate in the loan assumption program set forth in this article.

4 (d) An agreement shall remain valid even if the state-operated
5 facility at which the applicant is employed ceases to be listed
6 pursuant to Section 70121 after the applicant is employed there.

7 (e) A person participating in the program pursuant to this section
8 shall not enter into more than one agreement.

9 ~~SEC. 2.~~

10 *SEC. 5.* Section 70124 of the Education Code is amended to
11 read:

12 70124. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), if a program
13 participant fails to complete a minimum of four consecutive years
14 of full-time employment as required by this article, under the terms
15 of the agreement pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of
16 Section 70120, the participant shall assume full liability for all
17 student loan obligations remaining after the commission's
18 assumption of loan liability for the last year of qualifying clinical
19 registered nursing service pursuant to Section 70123.

20 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if a program participant
21 becomes unable to complete one of the four consecutive years of
22 qualifying clinical registered nursing service due to serious illness,
23 pregnancy, or other natural causes, the term of the loan assumption
24 agreement shall be extended for a period not to exceed one year.
25 The commission shall make no further payments under the loan
26 assumption agreement until the applicable work requirements as
27 specified in Section 70122 have been satisfied.

28 (c) If a natural disaster prevents a program participant from
29 completing one of the required years of work due to the interruption
30 of employment at the employing state facility, the term of the loan
31 assumption agreement shall be extended for the period of time
32 equal to the period from the interruption of employment at the
33 employing state facility to the resumption of employment. The
34 commission shall make no further payments under the loan
35 assumption agreement until the applicable employment
36 requirements specified in Section 70123 have been satisfied.

37 ~~SEC. 3.~~

38 *SEC. 6.* Section 70128.5 is added to the Education Code, to
39 read:

1 70128.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any
2 fiscal year, the commission shall award no more than the number
3 of warrants that are authorized by the Governor and the Legislature
4 in the annual Budget Act for that year for the assumption of loans
5 pursuant to this article.

6 *SEC. 7. Section 78261 of the Education Code is amended to*
7 *read:*

8 78261. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of the
9 following:

10 (1) The Legislature intends to facilitate both the expansion of
11 associate degree nursing programs and the improvement in
12 completion rates in those programs.

13 (2) The Legislature also intends that community colleges employ
14 nationally-validated *recognized* diagnostic assessment tools that
15 are aligned with national nursing—~~certification~~ *licensure*
16 requirements. Both students and the state benefit when diagnostic
17 assessments are supplemented with educational opportunities to
18 assist students in meeting skill levels.

19 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to create a Nursing
20 Enrollment Growth and Retention program in the Chancellor's
21 Office of the California Community Colleges. The purpose of this
22 program shall be to provide grants to community college associate
23 degree of nursing programs that meet either of the following
24 conditions:

25 (1) The nursing program has low or moderate program attrition
26 levels.

27 (2) The nursing program provides a comprehensive program of
28 diagnostic assessment, prenursing preparation, and program-based
29 support to students.

30 (c) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that this program shall
31 be funded, beginning in the 2006–07 fiscal year, by a redirection
32 of the ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) provided annually pursuant
33 to the Budget Act of 2005, along with an additional investment of
34 two million eight hundred eighty-six thousand dollars (\$2,886,000)
35 annually, for a total program budget of twelve million eight
36 hundred eighty-six thousand dollars (\$12,886,000) annually.
37 Unencumbered funds that were appropriated in the Budget Act of
38 2005 may be used for capacity building and equipment in the
39 2006–07 fiscal year.

1 (2) *Up to 3 percent of the funds appropriated for this program*
2 *may be used for statewide administration, program development,*
3 *program evaluation, and program accountability.*

4 (d) The Board of Governors of the California Community
5 ~~Colleges and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges~~
6 may award grants to community college districts with associate
7 degree nursing programs to expand enrollment, reduce program
8 attrition, or both. Funds shall be used only for the following
9 purposes: expanding enrollment, providing diagnostic assessments,
10 and developing and offering preentry coursework to prospective
11 nursing students and diagnostic assessments and supportive
12 services to enrolled nursing students. For purposes of this section,
13 supportive services include, but are not necessarily limited to,
14 tutoring, case management, mentoring, and counseling services.
15 Funds may also be used to develop alternative delivery models
16 such as part-time, evening, weekend, and summer program
17 offerings. In order to qualify for these funds, a community college
18 associate degree nursing program shall do either of the following:

19 (1) Have a program attrition rate, as determined by the Board
20 of Registered Nursing's Annual School Report or the Information
21 Program Data System of the Chancellor's Office of the California
22 Community Colleges, of 15 percent or less for the year prior to
23 application for funding.

24 (2) Commit to implement a comprehensive program of
25 diagnostic assessment, prenursing enrollment preparation, and
26 program-based support to enrolled students, as defined in this
27 article.

28 (e) ~~Prior~~ *Notwithstanding Section 78213 or any other provision*
29 *of law, prior to awarding any funds to be used for reducing*
30 *program attrition, the chancellor's office shall do all of the*
31 *following:*

32 (1) Identify, in collaboration with community college associate
33 degree nursing programs, nationally validated diagnostic
34 assessment tools that determine the likelihood of academic success
35 in registered nursing education programs.

36 (2) Establish, in collaboration with community college associate
37 degree nursing programs, the systemwide proficiency level
38 necessary for academic success for each diagnostic assessment
39 tool.

1 (3) Define the kinds of educational and support services that
2 qualify for funding under this program.

3 (f) As a condition of receiving grants under paragraph (2) of
4 subdivision (d), a community college district shall, at a minimum,
5 do all of the following:

6 (1) Utilize diagnostic assessment tools prior to enrollment to
7 determine readiness for community college associate degree
8 nursing programs.

9 (2) Develop educational preentry coursework, including, but
10 not necessarily limited to, tutorials or noncredit instruction, aligned
11 to the entry level nursing standards and curriculum for students
12 who fail to demonstrate readiness based upon the diagnostic
13 assessment tools.

14 (3) Provide access to prenursing coursework for all students
15 who do not demonstrate readiness based upon the diagnostic
16 assessment tools.

17 (4) Require that students demonstrate readiness through the
18 diagnostic assessment or successful completion of the prenursing
19 coursework specified above prior to commencing the registered
20 nursing program.

21 (5) Ensure that students that participate in educational preentry
22 coursework in order to demonstrate readiness based upon the
23 diagnostic assessment tools are not disadvantaged in the program
24 enrollment process.

25 (g) As a condition of receiving grant funds pursuant to paragraph
26 (2) of subdivision (d), each recipient district shall report to the
27 chancellor's office the following data for the academic year on or
28 before a date determined by the chancellor's office:

29 (1) The number of students enrolled in the nursing program.

30 (2) The number of students taking diagnostic assessments.

31 (3) The number of students failing to meet proficiency levels
32 as determined by diagnostic assessment tools.

33 (4) The number of students failing to meet proficiency levels
34 that enroll in preentry preparation classes.

35 (5) The number of students who successfully complete preentry
36 preparation classes.

37 (6) The average number of months between initial diagnostic
38 assessment, demonstration of readiness, and enrollment in the
39 nursing program for students failing to meet proficiency standards
40 on the initial diagnostic assessment.

1 (7) The average number of months between diagnostic
2 assessment and program enrollment for students meeting
3 proficiency standards on the initial diagnostic assessment.

4 (8) The number of students who completed the associate degree
5 nursing program and the number of students who pass the National
6 Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

7 (h) (1) Data reported to the chancellor under this article shall
8 be disaggregated by age, gender, ethnicity, and language spoken
9 at home.

10 (2) The chancellor's office shall compile and provide this
11 information to the Legislature and the Governor by March 1 of
12 each year.

13 (i) It is the intent of the Legislature that, pursuant to funding to
14 be provided in the annual Budget Act, in the 2009–10 academic
15 year, the California Community Colleges should increase the
16 statewide enrollment of full-time equivalent registered nursing
17 students by 450 and, beginning in the 2010–11 academic year and
18 continuing each academic year thereafter, add 900 new full-time
19 equivalent registered nursing students.

20 *SEC. 8. Section 78261.3 is added to the Education Code, to*
21 *read:*

22 *78261.3. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any*
23 *community college district, irrespective of whether it participates*
24 *in the program established by this article, may use any diagnostic*
25 *assessment tool that is commonly used in registered nursing*
26 *programs and is approved by the chancellor.*

27 *(b) If, after using an approved diagnostic assessment tool, a*
28 *community college district determines that the number of applicants*
29 *to its registered nursing program exceeds its capacity, the district*
30 *is authorized to use additional multicriteria screening measures.*

31 *SEC. 9. Section 87482 of the Education Code is amended to*
32 *read:*

33 *87482. (a) (1) Notwithstanding Section 87480, the governing*
34 *board of a community college district may employ any qualified*
35 *individual as a temporary faculty member for a complete school*
36 *year but not less than a complete semester or quarter during a*
37 *school year. The employment of those persons shall be based upon*
38 *the need for additional faculty during a particular semester or*
39 *quarter because of the higher enrollment of students during that*
40 *semester or quarter as compared to the other semester or quarter*

1 in the academic year, or because a faculty member has been granted
2 leave for a semester, quarter, or year, or is experiencing long-term
3 illness, and shall be limited, in number of persons so employed,
4 to that need, as determined by the governing board.

5 (2) Employment of a person under this subdivision may be
6 pursuant to contract fixing a salary for the entire semester or
7 quarter.

8 (b) No person, other than a person serving as clinical nursing
9 faculty and exempted from this subdivision pursuant to *paragraph*
10 *(1) of subdivision (c)*, shall be employed by any one district under
11 this section for more than two semesters or three quarters within
12 any period of three consecutive years.

13 (c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), a person serving as
14 *full-time clinical nursing faculty or as part-time clinical nursing*
15 *faculty teaching 60 percent or more of the hours per week*
16 *considered a full-time assignment for regular employees* may be
17 employed by any one district under this section for up to four
18 semesters or six quarters within any period of three consecutive
19 academic years between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2014, inclusive.

20 (2) A district that employs faculty pursuant to this subdivision
21 shall provide data to the chancellor's office as to how many faculty
22 members were hired under this subdivision, and what the ratio of
23 full-time to part-time faculty was for each of the three academic
24 years prior to the hiring of faculty under this subdivision and for
25 each academic year for which faculty is hired under this
26 subdivision. This data shall be submitted, in writing, to the
27 chancellor's office on or before June 30, 2012.

28 (3) The chancellor shall report, in writing, to the Legislature
29 and the Governor on or before September 30, 2012, in accordance
30 with data received pursuant to paragraph (2), how many districts
31 hired faculty under this subdivision, how many faculty members
32 were hired under this subdivision, and what the ratio of full-time
33 to part-time faculty was for these districts in each of the three
34 academic years prior to the operation of this subdivision and for
35 each academic year for which faculty is hired under this
36 subdivision.

37 (4) A district may not employ a person pursuant to this
38 subdivision if the hiring of that person results in an increase in the
39 ratio of part-time to full-time nursing faculty in that district.

1 ~~SEC. 4.~~

2 *SEC. 10.* Section 89267 of the Education Code is amended to
3 read:

4 89267. It is the intent of the Legislature:

5 (a) That, pursuant to funding to be appropriated in the Budget
6 Act of 2007, the trustees should increase, by at least 340, the
7 number of full-time equivalent students in baccalaureate degree
8 nursing programs, beginning in the 2007–08 fiscal year.

9 (b) That the trustees provide a report to the Governor and the
10 Legislature on or before March 15, 2007, on the proposed
11 expenditure plans to expand nursing programs to enroll an
12 additional 340 full-time equivalent students as a result of the funds
13 appropriated in the Budget Act of 2007.

14 (c) To support the expansion of future baccalaureate degree
15 nursing enrollment with annual appropriations in the State Budget
16 Act.

17 (d) That the funding for the enrollment expansions referenced
18 in this section be funded within the general enrollment growth
19 funding that is traditionally provided to the California State
20 University during the annual State Budget process.

21 ~~SEC. 5.~~

22 *SEC. 11.* Section 92645 of the Education Code is amended to
23 read:

24 92645. It is the intent of the Legislature that all of the following
25 occur:

26 (a) That, pursuant to funding to be appropriated in the Budget
27 Act of 2007, the Regents of the University of California should
28 offer at least 175 full-time equivalent students in baccalaureate
29 degree nursing programs, at least 140 state-supported full-time
30 equivalent students in accelerated master’s level nursing programs,
31 including entry-level master’s programs and entry-level master’s
32 clinical programs, at least 41 full-time equivalent associate degree
33 nursing (ADN) transitional to bachelor’s of science of nursing
34 (BSN) and full-time equivalent master of science of nursing (MSN)
35 students, and at least 40 full-time equivalent students in traditional
36 master of science in nursing (MSN) degree programs by the
37 2007–08 academic year.

38 (b) That the regents provide a report to the Governor and the
39 Legislature on or before March 15, 2007, on the proposed

1 expenditure plans to expand nursing programs to enroll the
2 additional students identified in subdivision (a).

3 (c) That the expansion of future baccalaureate, accelerated
4 master's degree, ADN transitional to BSN and MSN degrees, and
5 traditional MSN degree nursing enrollment be supported with
6 appropriations in the annual Budget Act.

7 (d) That the funding for the enrollment expansions referenced
8 in this section be funded within the general enrollment growth
9 funding that is traditionally provided to the University of California
10 during the annual State Budget process.

11 ~~SEC. 6.~~

12 *SEC. 12.* Article 5 (commencing with Section 128050) is added
13 to Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety
14 Code, to read:

15
16 Article 5. Health Care Workforce Clearinghouse
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18 128050. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and
19 Development ~~is responsible for establishing~~ *shall establish* a health
20 care workforce clearinghouse to serve as the central source of
21 health care workforce and educational ~~pipeline~~ data in the state.
22 The clearinghouse shall be responsible for the collection, analysis,
23 and distribution of information on the educational and employment
24 trends for health care occupations in the state. The activities of the
25 clearinghouse shall be funded by appropriations made from the
26 California Health Data and Planning Fund in accordance with
27 subdivision (h) of Section 127280.

28 128051. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and
29 Development shall work with the Employment Development
30 Department's Labor Market Information Division, state licensing
31 boards, and state higher education entities to collect, *to the extent*
32 *available*, all of the following data:

33 (a) The current supply of health care workers, by specialty.

34 (b) The geographical distribution of health care workers, by
35 specialty.

36 (c) The diversity of the health care workforce, by specialty,
37 *including, but not necessarily limited to, data on race, ethnicity,*
38 *and languages spoken.*

39 (d) The current and forecasted demand for health care workers,
40 by specialty.

1 (e) The educational capacity to produce trained, certified, and
2 licensed health care workers, by specialty and by geographical
3 distribution, *including, but not necessarily limited to, the number*
4 *of educational slots, the number of enrollments, the attrition rate,*
5 *and wait time to enter the program of study.*

6 128052. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and
7 Development shall prepare an annual report to the Legislature that
8 does all of the following:

9 (a) Identifies education and employment trends in the health
10 care profession.

11 (b) Reports on the current supply and demand for health care
12 workers in California and gaps in the educational pipeline
13 producing workers in specific occupations and geographic areas.

14 (c) Recommends state policy needed to address issues of
15 workforce shortage and distribution.

16 ~~SEC. 7.~~

17 *SEC. 13.* It is the intent of the Legislature that colleges and
18 universities that operate registered nursing programs should not
19 require students who have been admitted to those programs and
20 who have already earned a baccalaureate degree to complete
21 general education requirements, but rather should require these
22 students to complete only the coursework that is necessary to
23 prepare them for licensing as registered nurses.