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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a nursing education grant program and fund
2 to be administered by the college student aid commission and
3 making appropriations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.231 Nursing education grant
2 program — fund.

3 1. A nursing education grant program is established for the
4 purpose of providing grants to accredited private nonprofit
5 colleges and universities in this state to fund clinical
6 education for students in nursing education programs. Subject
7 to an appropriation of moneys for purposes of this section, the
8 college student aid commission shall administer the program.

9 2. The commission shall distribute moneys contained in the
10 nursing education grant fund created in subsection 3 as grants
11 to accredited private nonprofit colleges and universities in
12 this state for the establishment, expansion, or enhancement of
13 clinical education for students in nursing education programs.
14 Permitted uses of grant funds received through the program
15 shall include but are not limited to funding the cost of
16 personnel and equipment necessary to establish, expand, or
17 enhance such clinical education. The commission shall develop
18 a grant application; selection, evaluation, and award amount
19 criteria; and applicable procedures and timelines for the
20 program.

21 3. A nursing education grant fund is established in the
22 state treasury under the control of the commission. Moneys
23 credited to the fund are appropriated to the commission for
24 purposes of distributing grants under this section. The
25 commission may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other
26 private contributions, as well as state or federal moneys, for
27 deposit in the fund. Moneys available in the fund for a fiscal
28 year shall be distributed as grants pursuant to this section.
29 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close
30 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
31 for expenditure for the purposes designated for subsequent
32 fiscal years.

33 4. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
34 to administer this section.

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EXPLANATION

1 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
2 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3 This bill establishes a nursing education grant program for
4 the purpose of providing grants to accredited private nonprofit
5 colleges and universities in Iowa to fund clinical education
6 for students in nursing education programs. Subject to an
7 appropriation of moneys for this purpose, the college student
8 aid commission shall administer the program.

9 The bill establishes a nursing education grant fund in the
10 state treasury under the control of the commission. Moneys
11 credited to the fund are appropriated to the commission for
12 purposes of distributing grants as provided in the bill.

13 The bill directs the commission to distribute moneys
14 contained in the fund as grants to accredited private nonprofit
15 colleges and universities in Iowa for the establishment,
16 expansion, or enhancement of clinical education for students
17 in nursing education programs. Permitted uses of grant funds
18 received through the program shall include but are not limited
19 to funding the cost of personnel and equipment necessary to
20 establish, expand, or enhance such clinical education. The
21 bill directs the commission to develop a grant application;
22 selection, evaluation, and award amount criteria; and
23 applicable procedures and timelines for the program.