

SENATE FILE NO. SF0099

Nursing loan program-amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Boggs and Representative(s)  
Hinckley

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming investment in nursing loan  
2 and grant program; modifying specified eligibility  
3 requirements; specifying qualified work loan repayment for  
4 graduate level recipients; and providing for an effective  
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-123(c)(ii), (e)(intro) and by  
10 creating a new subsection (q) is amended to read:

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12 **9-2-123. Wyoming investment in nursing loan and grant**  
13 **program; eligibility criteria; procedures.**

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15 (c) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated  
16 for this program, loans under the WYIN program may be

1 granted to applicants enrolled or planning to enroll in  
2 nursing education programs as follows:

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4 (ii) A registered nurse with a baccalaureate  
5 degree who holds an unencumbered license with the Wyoming  
6 board of nursing, has the equivalent of at least one (1)  
7 year of full-time service teaching in a nursing education  
8 program in Wyoming as a registered nurse with a  
9 baccalaureate degree, with preference given to a registered

10 nurse currently teaching at the University of Wyoming or a  
11 Wyoming college, and the registered nurse is accepted into  
12 a nursing education program at the University of Wyoming  
13 leading to a master's degree in nursing or nursing  
14 education may be eligible for a loan to pay the unmet need  
15 of attendance, as determined by the Wyoming higher  
16 education assistance authority or its designee, provided  
17 that in order to receive a loan for a master's degree  
18 program, the applicant shall agree to repay the loan by  
19 teaching at a Wyoming college or the University of Wyoming.

20 If the applicant registered nurse is not accepted into a  
21 nursing education program at the University of Wyoming and  
22 upon approval of the authority, the applicant registered  
23 nurse may be accepted into an accredited nursing education  
24 program at a university located outside of the state. Loans

1 awarded for applicants accepted into programs outside of  
2 Wyoming shall not exceed the loan amounts available for  
3 programs at the University of Wyoming;  
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5 (e) A recipient of a WYIN loan under this section may  
6 repay the loan without cash payment by working in Wyoming  
7 as a nurse or nurse educator as provided in subsection (f)  
8 of this section. To qualify as repayment under this  
9 subsection, and except for graduate students as provided  
10 under subsection (q) of this section, work shall be  
11 performed within the following time periods which begin  
12 with the calendar month following the month in which the  
13 student completed the academic program:  
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15 (q) A recipient of a WYIN loan under this section and  
16 attending a master's or doctorate nursing level program may  
17 begin loan repayment through qualified work as authorized  
18 under subsections (e) and (f) of this section concurrently  
19 with enrollment in the nursing education program, subject  
20 to the following:  
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22 (i) If the recipient is enrolled in a master's  
23 nursing degree program, the recipient shall perform

1 qualified work for not less than one (1) year following  
2 completion of the education program;

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4 (ii) If the recipient is enrolled in a doctorate  
5 nursing degree program, the recipient shall perform  
6 qualified work for not less than two (2) years following  
7 completion of the education program.

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9 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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