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Introduced by Sen. MAZIARZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Labor in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the labor law and the state finance law, in relation to enacting the New York state nursing shortage correction act

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York
- 2 state nursing shortage correction act".
- 3 § 2. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 211-b to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 § 211-b. Statewide nursing recruitment incentive and retention pilot
- 6 initiatives. The department is authorized, within amounts appropriated,
- 7 to award funding to schools of nursing, other educational institutions

8 and health care providers to develop pilot initiatives to improve the  
9 capacity to prepare future generations of entry and advanced level nurs-  
10 es. Funding may be used for:

- 11 1. recruitment and retention incentives that expand faculty capacity;
- 12 2. initial costs related to the development of new and/or expanded  
13 programs, including equipment and capital costs;
- 14 3. development of clinical simulation laboratories in both new and  
15 existing programs;
- 16 4. academic and clinical partnerships to increase the use of expert  
17 clinicians to expand faculty capacity;
- 18 5. development and expansion of nursing education that is internet-fa-  
19 cilitated and/or provided through satellite course-work;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 6. initiatives to retain retiring nursing faculty and those expert  
2 nurses leaving clinical practice to function in educator roles;  
3 7. financial assistance to prepare nurses for an academic career; and  
4 8. early mentoring programs between school districts, nursing educa-  
5 tion programs, and health care providers to introduce students to nurs-  
6 ing careers.

7 § 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 91-h to  
8 read as follows:

9 § 91-h. New York state nursing recruitment incentive and retention  
10 account. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the  
11 state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance an  
12 account in the miscellaneous special revenue fund to be known as the New  
13 York state nursing recruitment incentive and retention account.

14 2. Such account shall consist of all revenues received from contrib-  
15 utions, donations and other moneys credited or transferred thereto from  
16 any other fund or source pursuant to law.

17 3. Moneys of the account, following appropriation by the legislature  
18 may be expended for the New York state nursing recruitment incentive and  
19 retention program. Moneys shall be paid out of the account on the audit  
20 and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved  
21 by the commissioner of education.

22 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
23 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately,  
24 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-  
25 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
26 authorized and directed to be made and completed by the commissioner of  
27 education in consultation with the commissioner of labor on or before  
28 such effective date.

SPONSORS MEMO:

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1

BILL NUMBER: S4994B

SPONSOR: MAZIARZ

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the labor law and the state finance law, in relation to enacting the New York state nursing shortage correction act

PURPOSE:

This legislation would help address the nursing shortage facing New York by creating the "New York state nursing shortage correction act".

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1 cites this as the "New York state nursing shortage correction act".

Section 2 states that the department is authorized to award funding to schools of nursing, other educational institutions and health care providers to develop pilot initiatives to increase the number of nurses. Further states funding can be used for recruitment retention to expand faculty capacity, development of new programs, development of clinical simulation labs, partnership to expand the use of expert clinicians, increased nursing education that is internet facilitated, initiatives to

retain retiring nursing faculty and others leaving, financial assistance to prepare nurses for an academic career, creation of early mentoring programs.

Section 3 states that there should be an account held in joint custody between the state comptroller and, such account shall consist of all revenue received from contributions donations and other moneys credited for this account on vouchers approved by the commissioner of education.

Section 4 is the effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

It is well known that New York is facing a severe nursing shortage. This legislation would help address this situation by creating the "New York state nursing shortage correction act". This act helps get at the root of the issue by making funds available for nursing education. Money appointed for this act, would specifically be targeted to create and expand the amount of nurses interested and eligible to attend schools of nursing.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

New bill.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

To be determined.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

April 1 next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.