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**SECTION 34-21-150 (REPEALED BY ACT 2023-532, § 2, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2029) CREATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND FUNDING.**

The Alabama Loan Repayment Program for Nursing Education is created. The program shall be administered by the board and funded by direct appropriation from the Education Trust Fund.

*(Act 2023-532, §2.)*

**SECTION 34-21-151 (REPEALED BY ACT 2023-532, § 2, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2029) DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this article, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (1) PARTICIPANT. Any individual who applies for and is awarded a loan pursuant to this article.
- (2) PROGRAM. The Alabama Loan Repayment Program for Nursing Education.
- (3) QUALIFIED NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM. An accredited prelicensure nursing education program conducted by a public two-year or four-year institution of higher education in this state.

*(Act 2023-532, §2.)*

**SECTION 34-21-152 (REPEALED BY ACT 2023-532, § 2, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2029)  
ESTABLISHMENT AND AWARDING OF LOANS.**

- (a)(1) The board shall establish and award loans to any of the following qualified individuals:
- a. An applicant for admission to a qualified nursing education program approved by the board, who has signed a contract as provided in subsection (b).
  - b. A student attending a qualified nursing education program approved by the board who is pursuing, or has completed within the five years immediately preceding the current loan term, a graduate degree to become a nurse educator in a qualified nursing education program, who has signed a contract as provided in subsection (b).
- (2) An application for a nursing education loan under the program may be submitted to the board for any scholastic year, including previously completed scholastic years.
- (3) A loan may be granted by the board to an individual who is pursuing or holding an eligible master's degree for up to three years and to an individual pursuing or holding an eligible doctorate degree for up to four years.
- (4) For the first year of operation of the program, the maximum annual loan amount shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). For subsequent years, the board may increase the maximum annual loan amount by no more than five percent annually.
- (5) The board shall conduct a careful and thorough investigation of the ability, character, and qualifications of each loan applicant and shall award loans pursuant to the requirements of the program.
- (6) An individual who has signed a contract with the board may postpone his or her choice of qualified nursing education programs to work with until a time set by the board.
- (b) A loan may only be awarded under the program to those individuals who have signed a contract with the board to repay all amounts received under the program by working following graduation as a full-time nursing instructor in a qualified nursing education program, for a period of 24 months for each annual loan received under the program.

*(Act 2023-532, §2.)*

**SECTION 34-21-153 (REPEALED BY ACT 2023-532, § 2, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2029) DEFAULT OF  
FAILURE TO HONOR A LOAN REPAYMENT CONTRACT.**

- (a) If for any reason a participant defaults on or otherwise fails to honor a loan repayment contract with the board, the individual shall be liable for immediate repayment of the total principal loan amount, plus interest, at the rate of eight percent, or the prime lending rate, whichever is greater, accruing from the date of default or other failure to honor the contract.
- (b) If for any reason after graduation with a graduate degree to become a nurse educator and prior to completion of the repayment obligation set forth in Section 34-21-152, a participant defaults on or otherwise fails to honor a loan repayment contract with the board, the participant

shall pay an additional penalty equal to 20 percent of the total principal amount of all loans received by the participant.

(c) Failure of a participant to honor his or her contract with the board or to pay the amount he or she is liable for under this article shall constitute grounds for the revocation of his or her license to practice nursing.

(d) The board may excuse repayment of a loan, in whole or in part, upon the death of a participant, upon the participant becoming disabled to the extent that he or she is no longer able to engage in the practice of nursing, or upon some other extreme hardship not the fault of the participant.

(Act 2023-532, §2.)

**SECTION 34-21-154 (REPEALED BY ACT 2023-532, § 2, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2029) ANNUAL REPORT; RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; USE OF FUNDS.**

(a) The board shall report annually on the condition and accomplishments of the program to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Chairs of the House and Senate Health Committees.

(b) The board shall consult with the Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services to develop performance metrics and other measures of success to include in the annual report required pursuant to subsection (a). During the 2028 fiscal year, the program shall undergo an evaluation by the Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services to determine whether the program is impacting the determined measures of success.

(c) The board shall adopt reasonable rules to implement and administer the program.

(d) The board shall use any monies it receives from or for the operation of the program, including repayments, interest, and penalties paid because of default or other failure to honor a contract, to fund loans.

(Act 2023-532, §2.)

**SECTION 34-21-155 (REPEALED BY ACT 2023-532, § 2, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2029) REPEAL OF  
ARTICLE.**

This article shall be repealed on September 30, 2029, unless extended by act of the Legislature.

(Act 2023-532, §2.)