HOUSE BILL No. 2148

By Committee on General Government Budget

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AN ACT concerning postsecondary education scholarships; amending K.S.A. 74-3292, 74-3293 and 74-3297 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-32,100 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 72-9701, 72-9702, 72-9703, 72-9704, 72-9705, 72-9706, 74-3299, 74-32,112, 74-32,113, 74-32,114, 74-32,115, 74-32,116, 74-32,117, 74-32,118 and 74-32,119 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-32,107d, 74-32,131, 74-32,132, 74-32,133, 74-32,134, 74-32,135, 74-32,136, 74-32,137 and 74-32,138.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-3292 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-3292. As used in this act:

- (a) "Committee" means the nursing service scholarship review-committee established under K.S.A. 74-3299 and amendments thereto.
- (b) "Executive officer" means the chief executive officer of the state board of regents appointed under K.S.A. 74-3203a, and amendments thereto.
- (e) (b) "Rural area" means any county of this state other than Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte counties.
- (d) (c) "School of nursing" means a school within the state of Kansas which is approved by the state board of nursing to grant an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree in professional nursing or a certificate of completion in practical nursing.
- (e) (d) "Sponsor" means any adult care home licensed under the adult care home licensure act, any medical care facility licensed under K.S.A. 65-425 et seq., and amendments thereto, any psychiatric hospital licensed under K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments thereto, any home health agency licensed under K.S.A. 65-5101 et seq., and amendments thereto, any local health department as defined in K.S.A. 65-241, and amendments thereto, and any state agency which employs licensed practical nurses or licensed professional nurses.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-3293 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-3293. (a) There is hereby established the nursing service scholarship program. A scholarship may be awarded under the nursing service scholarship program to any qualified nursing student enrolled in or admitted to a school of nursing in a course of instruction leading to

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42 43 licensure as a licensed professional nurse or licensed practical nurse. The number of new scholarships awarded under the nursing service scholarship program in each year shall not exceed 250. Of this number, except as otherwise provided in this section, 100 scholarships shall be awarded to nursing students whose sponsors are located in rural areas and who are enrolled in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a registered professional nurse, 50 scholarships shall be awarded to nursing students enrolled in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a licensed practical nurse and the remaining 100 scholarships shall be awarded to any nursing students who have a sponsor and who are enrolled in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a registered professional nurse. If all scholarships authorized to be awarded under this section to nursing students whose sponsors are located in rural areas have not been awarded by a date established by the state board of regents, the scholarships which have not been awarded by that date may be awarded to nursing students who have a sponsor and who are otherwise qualified to be awarded a scholarship under the nursing service scholarship program. The determination of the individuals qualified for such scholarships shall be made by the executive officer after seeking advice from the committee. Within each scholarship category prescribed by this subsection, scholarships shall be awarded on a priority basis to qualified applicants who have the greatest financial need for such scholarships. To the extent practicable and consistent with the other provisions of this section, consideration shall be given to minority applicants.

(b) Scholarships awarded under the nursing service scholarship program shall be awarded for the length of the course of instruction leading to licensure as a licensed professional nurse or licensure as a licensed practical nurse which the student is enrolled in or admitted to unless otherwise terminated before the expiration of such period of time. Such scholarships shall provide to a nursing student: (1) If the nursing student is enrolled in a school of nursing operated by a state educational institution, an amount not to exceed 70% of the cost of attendance for an academic year at the school of nursing in which the nursing student is enrolled; or (2) if the nursing student is enrolled in a school of nursing not operated by a state educational institution, the lesser of: (A) An amount not to exceed 70% of the cost of attendance for a year at the school of nursing in which the nursing student is enrolled; or (B) an amount not to exceed 70% of the average amount of the cost of attendance for a year at the schools of nursing operated by the state educational institutions. The amount of each scholarship shall be established annually by the executive officer and shall be financed equally by the sponsor of the nursing student and by the state of Kansas except that if the sponsor is located in a rural area or is a health care facility which has less than 100 beds, the total

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amount of the scholarship financed by such sponsor shall not exceed \$1,000 and the balance of such amount shall be paid by the state of Kansas.

4 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-3297 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5 3297. The state board of regents, after consultation with the committee, 6 may adopt rules and regulations establishing minimum terms, conditions 7 and obligations which shall be incorporated into the provisions of any 8 agreement entered into between a sponsor and the recipient of a 9 scholarship under the nursing service scholarship program. The terms, 10 conditions and obligations shall be consistent with the provisions of law relating to the nursing service scholarship program. The terms, conditions 11 12 and obligations so established shall include, but not be limited to, the terms of eligibility for financial assistance under the nursing service 13 14 scholarship program, the amount of financial assistance to be offered, the 15 length of employment with the sponsor required as a condition to the 16 receipt of such financial assistance, the circumstances under which the 17 employment obligation may be discharged or forgiven, the amount of money required to be repaid because of failure to satisfy the obligations 18 under an agreement and the method of repayment and such other 19 20 additional provisions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of 21 the nursing service scholarship program. The state board of regents, after 22 eonsultation with the committee, shall adopt rules and regulations as 23 necessary to administer the nursing service scholarship program. 24

- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-32,100 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,100. K.S.A. 74-32,100 through 74-32,107 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-32,107b, and 74-32,107c and 74-32,107d, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the teacher service scholarship program act.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 72-9701, 72-9702, 72-9703, 72-9704, 72-9705, 72-9706, 74-3292, 74-3293, 74-3297, 74-3299, 74-32,112, 74-32,113, 74-32,114, 74-32,115, 74-32,116, 74-32,117, 74-32,118 and 74-32,119 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-32,100, 74-32,107d, 74-32,131, 74-32,132, 74-32,133, 74-32,134, 74-32,135, 74-32,136, 74-32,137 and 74-32,138 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.