

SENATE BILL No. 358

AN ACT concerning the nurse educator service scholarship; relating to the definition of school of nursing; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-32,220 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-32,220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-32,220. As used in the nurse educator service scholarship program act:

(a) "Accredited independent institution" means a not-for-profit institution of higher education which: (1) Has its main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas; (2) is operated independently and not controlled or administered by the state or any agency or subdivision thereof; (3) maintains open enrollment; and (4) holds accreditation to grant a master of science or doctoral degree in nurse education or nursing administration from a national accrediting entity recognized by the United States department of education.

(b) "Executive officer" means the chief executive officer of the state board of regents appointed under K.S.A. 74-3203a, and amendments thereto.

(c) "Open enrollment" has the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 74-32,120, and amendments thereto.

(d) "School of nursing" means: (1) A school within the state of Kansas which is approved by the state board of nursing to grant a master of science or doctoral degree in nursing; or (2) an accredited independent institution.

(e) "Qualified applicant" means a person who: (1) Is a resident of the state of Kansas; (2) (A) is a registered nurse who holds a baccalaureate degree in nursing and has been accepted for admission to or is enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a master of science in nursing; or (B) is a registered nurse who holds a master of science degree in nursing and has been accepted for admission to or is enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a doctorate degree in nursing; and (3) has qualified for the award of a scholarship under the program on the basis of having demonstrated scholastic ability and remains qualified on the basis of remaining in good standing and making satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the course of instruction in which enrolled.

(f) "Program" means the nurse educator service scholarship program established pursuant to this act.

(g) "Review Committee" or "committee" means the nurse educator service scholarship application review committee established at each school of nursing as required by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-32,221, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-32,220 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.