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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1605

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 335.212 and 335.245, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the nursing student loan programs.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 335.212 and 335.245, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 335.212 and 335.245, to read as follows:

335.212. As used in sections 335.212 to 335.242, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Board", the Missouri state board of nursing;

3 (2) "Department", the Missouri department of health and senior services;

4 (3) "Director", director of the Missouri department of health and senior services;

5 (4) "Eligible student", a resident who has made application to be a full-time student in  
6 a formal course of instruction leading to an associate degree, a diploma, a bachelor of science,  
7 or a master of science in nursing or leading to the completion of educational requirements for  
8 a licensed practical nurse;

9 (5) "Participating school", an institution within this state which is approved by the board  
10 for participation in the professional and practical nursing student loan program established by  
11 sections 335.212 to 335.242, having a nursing department and offering a course of instruction  
12 based on nursing theory and clinical nursing experience;

13 (6) "Qualified applicant", an eligible student approved by the board for participation in  
14 the professional and practical nursing student loan program established by sections 335.212 to  
15 335.242;

16 (7) "Qualified employment", employment on a full-time basis in Missouri in a position  
17 requiring licensure as a licensed practical nurse or registered professional nurse in any **hospital**

18 **as defined in section 197.020, RSMo, or** public or nonprofit agency, institution, or organization  
19 located in an area of need as determined by the department of health and senior services. Any  
20 forgiveness of such principal and interest for any qualified applicant engaged in qualified  
21 employment on a less than full-time basis may be prorated to reflect the amounts provided in this  
22 section;

23 (8) "Resident", any person who has lived in this state for one or more years for any  
24 purpose other than the attending of an educational institution located within this state.

335.245. As used in sections 335.245 to 335.259, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Department", the Missouri department of health and senior services;

3 (2) "Eligible applicant", a Missouri licensed nurse who has attained either an associate  
4 degree, a diploma, a bachelor of science, or graduate degree in nursing from an accredited  
5 institution approved by the board of nursing or a student nurse in the final year of a full-time  
6 baccalaureate school of nursing leading to a baccalaureate degree or graduate nursing program  
7 leading to a master's degree in nursing and has agreed to serve in an area of defined need as  
8 established by the department;

9 (3) "Participating school", an institution within this state which grants an associate  
10 degree in nursing, grants a bachelor or master of science degree in nursing or provides a diploma  
11 nursing program which is accredited by the state board of nursing, or a regionally accredited  
12 institution in this state which provides a bachelor of science completion program for registered  
13 professional nurses;

14 (4) "Qualified employment", employment on a full-time basis in Missouri in a position  
15 requiring licensure as a licensed practical nurse or registered professional nurse in any **hospital**  
16 **as defined in section 197.020, RSMo, or** public or nonprofit agency, institution, or organization  
17 located in an area of need as determined by the department of health and senior services. Any  
18 forgiveness of such principal and interest for any qualified applicant engaged in qualified  
19 employment on a less than full-time basis may be prorated to reflect the amounts provided in this  
20 section.