

HCS SCS SB 152 -- NURSING STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Clemens (Loehner)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute revises the definition of "eligible student" as it relates to the Nursing Student Loan Program to allow individuals seeking doctoral degrees in nursing or those with a master of science in nursing seeking a doctorate in education to participate in the loan program. Doctoral applicants may be part-time students

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that our nursing schools are seeing more faculty retirements, so financial support for educating the next generation of nursing faculty is an important issue. The addition of part-time students is needed because many nurses seeking advanced degrees are employed and not able to undertake a full-time doctoral program.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Loehner for Senator Clemens.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.