

House Bill 3498

Sponsored by Representative NOLAN, Senator DEVLIN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows Oregon State Board of Nursing to accept voluntary contributions from licensees and make grants of funds to private nonprofit nursing entity for purpose of addressing nursing shortage.

Creates Oregon State Board of Nursing Oregon Center for Nursing Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to board for purpose of grants to private nonprofit nursing entity.

Allows board to make grants to individuals and organizations for nurse and nurse faculty shortage programs.

Directs Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research to contract with Oregon Center for Nursing and Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute to collect and analyze data for workforce database.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health care; creating new provisions; amending ORS 678.410 and section 1174, chapter
3 ____, Oregon Laws 2009 (Enrolled House Bill 2009); and appropriating money.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 678.410 is amended to read:

6 678.410. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may impose fees for the following:

7 (a) License renewal.

8 (b) Examination.

9 (c) License by indorsement.

10 (d) Limited license.

11 (e) Examination proctor service.

12 (f) Duplicate license.

13 (g) Extension of limited license.

14 (h) Nurse practitioner certificate.

15 (i) Reexamination for licensure.

16 (j) Delinquent fee.

17 (k) Renewal fee nurse practitioner.

18 (L) Verification of a license of a nurse applying for license by indorsement in another state.

19 (m) Certified nurse practitioner's initial application and registration for writing prescriptions.

20 (n) Renewal of certified nurse practitioner's application for writing prescriptions.

21 (o) Approval of training program for nursing assistants.

22 (p) Issuance, renewal and delinquency of a nursing assistant certificate.

23 (q) Voluntary monitoring program for chemical dependency or an emotional or physical problem.

24 (r) Clinical nurse specialist certification established pursuant to ORS 678.370.

25 (s) Clinical nurse specialist's initial application for prescriptive authority.

26 (t) Renewal of clinical nurse specialist's application for prescriptive authority.

27 (u) Inactive license or certificate.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (v) Retired license or certificate.

2 (w) Nationwide criminal records check.

3 (2) Fees are nonrefundable.

4 (3) Subject to prior approval of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and a report
 5 to the Emergency Board prior to adopting the fees and charges, the fees and charges established
 6 under this section shall not exceed the cost of administering the regulatory program of the board
 7 pertaining to the purpose for which the fee or charge is established, as authorized by the Legislative
 8 Assembly within the board’s budget, as the budget may be modified by the Emergency Board. If
 9 federal or other funds are available to offset costs of administering the program, fees shall be es-
 10 tablished based on net costs to the state but not to exceed \$75 per biennium for the certification fee
 11 under subsection (1)(p) of this section.

12 (4) **The Oregon State Board of Nursing may accept a voluntary contribution from regis-**
 13 **tered nurses and licensed practical nurses. The board shall deposit contributions under this**
 14 **subsection into the Oregon State Board of Nursing Oregon Center for Nursing Fund estab-**
 15 **lished under section 2 of this 2009 Act. The board shall adopt rules to carry out the pro-**
 16 **visions of this subsection.**

17 **SECTION 2. There is created within the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the**
 18 **General Fund, the Oregon State Board of Nursing Oregon Center for Nursing Fund. The**
 19 **Oregon State Board of Nursing Oregon Center for Nursing Fund consists of moneys depos-**
 20 **ited in the fund under ORS 678.410 (4). Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to**
 21 **the Oregon State Board of Nursing for the purpose of making grants under section 3 of this**
 22 **2009 Act.**

23 **SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may make grants to a private**
 24 **nonprofit nursing entity for the purpose of advancing innovative solutions to Oregon’s**
 25 **nursing shortage.**

26 (2) **An entity that receives grant funds under this section shall use the funds to:**

27 (a) **Promote increased numbers of licensed nurses practicing in Oregon;**

28 (b) **Promote increased numbers of nurse faculty in Oregon;**

29 (c) **Promote diversity of the nursing workforce in Oregon;**

30 (d) **Promote leadership development at all levels of nursing to improve retention of**
 31 **nurses in Oregon; and**

32 (e) **Collect, analyze and report to the board comprehensive nursing workforce informa-**
 33 **tion for the purpose of making evidence-based decisions about Oregon’s nursing workforce.**

34 (3) **The board shall develop performance measures and evidence-based outcomes to**
 35 **achieve the objectives established in subsection (2) of this section for an award of grant**
 36 **funds.**

37 (4) **The board may adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.**

38 **SECTION 4. The Oregon State Board of Nursing may make grants to individuals and or-**
 39 **ganizations for nurse and nurse faculty shortage programs out of moneys appropriated to**
 40 **the board for nurse and nurse faculty shortage programs.**

41 **SECTION 5. If House Bill 2009 becomes law, section 1174, chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2009**
 42 **(Enrolled House Bill 2009), is amended to read:**

43 **Sec. 1174.** (1) **The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall create and maintain a**
 44 **healthcare workforce database that will provide information upon request to state agencies and to**
 45 **the Legislative Assembly about Oregon’s healthcare workforce, including:**

- 1 (a) Demographics, including race and ethnicity.
- 2 (b) Practice status.
- 3 (c) Education and training background.
- 4 (d) Population growth.
- 5 (e) Economic indicators.
- 6 (f) Incentives to attract qualified individuals, especially those from underrepresented minority
- 7 groups, to healthcare education.

8 (2)(a) The Administrator for the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research may contract
9 with a private or public entity to establish and maintain the database and to analyze the data. The
10 office is not subject to the requirements of ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C with respect to the
11 [*contract*] **contracts.**

12 **(b) The Administrator for the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall con-**
13 **tract with:**

14 **(A) The Oregon Center for Nursing to collect and analyze data with regard to the**
15 **workforce regulated by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.**

16 **(B) The Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute to collect and analyze data with regard**
17 **to the healthcare workforce not regulated by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.**

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