

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1259 Session of  
1991

INTRODUCED BY SAURMAN, COLAIZZO, NOYE, HERMAN, DEMPSEY, CLARK,  
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TRELLO, FOX, BUNT, PHILLIPS, GEIST, HASAY AND E. Z. TAYLOR,  
APRIL 23, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 23, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act creating the Pennsylvania Higher  
3 Education Assistance Agency; defining its powers and duties;  
4 conferring powers and imposing duties on the Governor,  
5 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the  
7 Department of Auditor General; and making appropriations,"  
8 authorizing loan forgiveness for certain nurses.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290),  
12 referred to as the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance  
13 Agency Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

14 Section 4.4. Loan Forgiveness.--(a) Pursuant to section  
15 4(1.1)(iii), the board shall adopt a policy of and appropriate  
16 procedures for granting forgiveness for loan recipients who  
17 graduate from agency-approved institutions in agency-approved  
18 nursing programs, who are properly licensed pursuant to the act  
19 of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as "The Professional

1 Nursing Law," and who are employed as nurses in hospitals,  
2 nursing homes or other institutions or agencies providing  
3 medical services in this Commonwealth.

4 (b) For each calendar year that a nurse is employed as  
5 provided in subsection (a), twenty-five per cent of the approved  
6 indebtedness shall be forgiven. Payment shall be made in  
7 accordance with the procedure established by the agency.

8 (c) The board of directors of the agency shall, in the  
9 manner provided by law, adopt the rules and regulations  
10 necessary to carry out this section. These rules and regulations  
11 shall include the types of institutions providing medical  
12 services at which employment will qualify nurses for loan  
13 forgiveness and the manner of verification of employment.

14 Section 2. This act shall apply to loan recipients who  
15 graduate from agency-approved institutions in agency-approved  
16 nursing programs on or after January 1, 1991.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.