

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2371**

**BY: Committee**

1        **AMEND** by inserting the following new section after line 332  
2 and renumbering the succeeding sections:  
3        "**SECTION 10.** (1) The Office of Workforce Development shall  
4 establish and administer the Mississippi Allied Health College and  
5 Career Navigator Grant Program for the purpose of hiring  
6 professionals, or navigators, to provide individual assistance and  
7 guidance to students to assist them in many areas, from  
8 maneuvering challenges while enrolled in college programs and  
9 understanding the job market to working through course challenges,  
10 and to help retain and graduate nursing and allied health  
11 students, at community and junior colleges. Such navigators must  
12 be at least a registered nurse with at least two (2) years of



13 experience in nursing. The grant program shall be funded from  
14 monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

15 (2) The Office of Workforce Development shall prescribe the  
16 terms and conditions of the grant program. To be eligible to  
17 receive a grant from the Office of Workforce Development under the  
18 grant program, a community college shall provide the following  
19 information:

20 (a) The number of nursing or allied health students who  
21 will be served by the program;

22 (b) A plan to provide data on participation and  
23 outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to  
24 the office throughout the funding commitment; and

25 (c) Any other information that the office determines is  
26 necessary.

27 (3) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of  
28 five percent (5%) of funds appropriated for the program for the  
29 administration of the program.

30 (4) The Office of Workforce Development shall submit an  
31 annual report on the grant program to the Governor, the Lieutenant  
32 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair  
33 of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chair of the  
34 Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee. The report  
35 shall contain a detailed explanation of how many community or  
36 junior colleges applied for the grants, how many navigator  
37 positions were filled and whether the retention rate for allied



38 health workers has improved since implementing a navigator. The  
39 community or junior college that received grants from the program  
40 shall assist the office in completing the reporting requirement."

41 **AMEND further** by striking "9" on line 333 and inserting in  
42 lieu thereof "10".

43 **AMEND title to conform.**

