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To: Public Health and Human  
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1005

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-106-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO CREATE THE NURSING EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM; TO  
3 PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM IS FOR STUDY IN NURSING TO BECOME A  
4 LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE OR A REGISTERED NURSE OR FOR ADVANCED  
5 STUDY IN NURSING BY LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES; TO PROVIDE THAT  
6 THE LOANS MAY BE REPAID BY PRACTICING NURSING IN THE STATE OF  
7 MISSISSIPPI FOR NOT LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE  
8 COURSE OF STUDY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
11 37-106-60, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 37-106-60. (1) This section shall be known as the Nursing  
13 Education Incentive Program.

14 (2) There is created a forgivable loan program for study in  
15 nursing to become a licensed practical nurse or a registered nurse  
16 or for advanced study in nursing by licensed registered nurses.

17 Forgivable loans are established and shall be allocated to  
18 students who: (a) are accepted and enrolled in an accredited  
19 nursing program approved by the board; (b) complete an application  
20 by the deadline established by the board; and (c) enter into  
21 contract with the board, obligating themselves to pursue to



22 completion the course of study agreed upon, and following the  
23 completion of the course of study, to practice nursing in the  
24 State of Mississippi for not less than five (5) years.

25 (3) Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as  
26 outlined in Section 37-106-53, except that the following  
27 provisions shall apply instead of subsection (1)(b) of that  
28 section: In lieu of payment in full of both principal and  
29 interest, a loan recipient under this section may elect to repay  
30 by entry into service employment as provided in subsection (2)(c)  
31 of this section. Repayment under this option shall convert the  
32 loan to an interest-free scholarship and discharge the same, on  
33 the basis of one fifth (1/5) of the total loan amount for each  
34 full year of service, or the appropriate proportion of the total  
35 outstanding balance of principal and interest, all as established  
36 by rule and regulation of the board. If at any time before the  
37 repayment in full of the total obligation the recipient abandons  
38 or abrogates repayment by this service option, the provisions of  
39 Section 37-106-53(1)(c) shall apply.

40 (4) The board shall establish the rules and regulations as  
41 it deems necessary and proper to carry out the purposes and intent  
42 of this section.

43 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2022.

