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"AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS FOR TEACHERS, REPORTING BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY, PROMOTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND A STUDENT LOAN SUBSIDY FOR HIGH-DEMAND PROFESSIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to develop a plan for establishing clinical placements at state facilities
5 for nursing students at public and independent institutions of higher
6 education. The task force shall examine (1) the types of state facilities
7 that can accommodate such clinical placements, including, but not
8 limited to, state correctional facilities and facilities operated by the

9 Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and
10 Families, and Developmental Services, (2) the number and types of
11 clinical placements that may be established at each state facility, (3) the
12 staffing requirements for providing such clinical placements and
13 whether state facilities meet such staffing requirements, and (4) the total
14 and per-student cost to state facilities to provide such clinical
15 placements.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
18 who is a nursing education program administrator at The University of
19 Connecticut;

20 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is
21 a nursing education program administrator at an independent
22 institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173 of the
23 general statutes;

24 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, who is a nursing education program administrator at
26 a state university within the Connecticut State University System;

27 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
28 nursing education program administrator at a regional community-
29 technical college;

30 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
31 Representatives, who is a nursing education program administrator at
32 an independent institution of higher education, as defined in section
33 10a-173 of the general statutes;

34 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
35 nursing education program administrator at The University of
36 Connecticut Health Center;

37 (7) One appointed by the Commissioner of Correction, who is a
38 licensed medical provider employed by the Department of Correction;

39 (8) One appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, who is a
40 registered nurse employed by the Department of Public Health;

41 (9) One appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Health and
42 Addiction Services, who is a registered nurse employed by the
43 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services;

44 (10) One appointed by the Commissioner of Developmental Services,
45 who is a registered nurse employed by the Department of
46 Developmental Services; and

47 (11) One appointed by the Commissioner of Children and Families,
48 who is a registered nurse employed by the Department of Children and
49 Families.

50 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to
51 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
52 General Assembly.

53 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
54 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
55 be filled by the appointing authority.

56 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
57 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
58 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
59 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
60 days after the effective date of this section.

61 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
62 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
63 education and employment advancement shall serve as administrative
64 staff of the task force.

65 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
66 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
67 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
68 education and employment advancement, in accordance with the

69 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
70 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024,
71 whichever is later.

72 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4-124jj of the general statutes is
73 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
74 *2023*):

75 (b) Not later than October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, [until
76 October 1, 2025,] the Chief Workforce Officer shall submit to the
77 Governor and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the
78 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
79 of matters relating to finance, higher education and employment
80 advancement, education, commerce, and labor and public employees a
81 report regarding the workforce training programs funded through the
82 Office of Workforce Strategy account. Such report shall include, but not
83 be limited to, information on the number of individuals served,
84 demographic information about such individuals and outcomes of such
85 individuals after completion of a workforce training program.

86 Sec. 3. Section 38a-8 of the general statutes is amended by adding
87 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

88 (NEW) (h) The commissioner shall promote the development and
89 growth of, and employment opportunities within, the insurance
90 industry in the state.

91 Sec. 4. Section 10a-247 of the general statutes is repealed and the
92 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

93 (a) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
94 shall establish, subject to available funding pursuant to section 10a-247a,
95 as amended by this act, an Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and
96 Counselor Loan Subsidy Program for the purpose of subsidizing
97 interest rates on authority loans, as defined in section 10a-223, to
98 teachers, paraeducators and school counselors who are employed in a
99 district designated as an alliance district pursuant to section 10-262u and

100 who meet the eligibility criteria as established by the authority and the
101 Commissioner of Education.

102 (b) The authority shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with
103 the Commissioner of Education to establish the eligibility criteria and
104 administrative guidelines for the Alliance District [Teacher] Educator
105 and Counselor Loan Subsidy Program. Such eligibility criteria and
106 guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) applicant
107 eligibility, (2) interest rate subsidies and principal limits on authority
108 loans subject to the Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and Counselor
109 Loan Subsidy Program, (3) the process for verifying the employment of
110 applicants, and (4) the requirement that an interest rate subsidy through
111 the Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and Counselor Loan Subsidy
112 Program shall terminate for any subsidy recipient who ceases to meet
113 the employment requirements of such program during the term of such
114 recipient's loan from the authority.

115 Sec. 5. Section 10a-247a of the general statutes is repealed and the
116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

117 The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
118 shall maintain a separate, nonlapsing account to hold funds for the
119 Alliance District [Teacher] Educator and Counselor Loan Subsidy
120 Program established pursuant to section 10a-247, as amended by this
121 act. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be
122 deposited in the account, including, but not limited to, any state
123 appropriation or the proceeds from the sale of bonds issued for the
124 purpose of section 10a-247, as amended by this act. Moneys in the
125 account shall be used (1) for the purposes of the Alliance District
126 [Teacher] Educator and Counselor Loan Subsidy Program and for
127 reasonable and necessary expenses for the administration of such
128 program, (2) for the issuance of authority loans to refinance one or more
129 eligible loans, and (3) to maintain a reserve held by the authority to
130 cover any losses incurred by the authority from the issuance of such
131 authority loans. For the purposes of this section, "authority loans" and
132 "eligible loans" have the same meaning as provided in section 10a-223.

- 133 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section:
- 134 (1) "Police officer" means a sworn member of a municipal police
135 department;
- 136 (2) "Distressed municipality" has the same meaning as provided in
137 section 32-9p of the general statutes;
- 138 (3) "Authority loans" has the same meaning as provided in section
139 10a-223 of the general statutes; and
- 140 (4) "Eligible loans" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-
141 223 of the general statutes.
- 142 (b) On and after July 1, 2024, the Connecticut Higher Education
143 Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish, subject to available
144 funding pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, a Police Officer Loan
145 Subsidy Program for the purpose of subsidizing interest rates on
146 authority loans to police officers who are employed in a distressed
147 municipality and who meet the eligibility criteria as established by the
148 authority.
- 149 (c) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
150 shall, in consultation with the Police Officer Standards Training Council,
151 establish the eligibility criteria and administrative guidelines for the
152 Police Officer Loan Subsidy Program. Such eligibility criteria and
153 guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) applicant
154 eligibility, (2) interest rate subsidies and principal limits on authority
155 loans subject to the Police Officer Loan Subsidy Program, (3) the process
156 for verifying the employment of applicants, and (4) the requirement that
157 an interest rate subsidy through the Police Officer Loan Subsidy
158 Program shall terminate for any subsidy recipient who ceases to meet
159 the employment requirements of such program during the term of such
160 recipient's loan from the authority.
- 161 (d) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
162 shall maintain a separate, nonlapsing account to hold funds for the

163 Police Officer Loan Subsidy Program. The account shall contain any
164 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but
165 not limited to, any state appropriation or the proceeds from the sale of
166 bonds issued for the purpose of the program. Moneys in the account
167 shall be used (1) for the purposes of the Police Officer Loan Subsidy
168 Program and for reasonable and necessary expenses for the
169 administration of such program, (2) for the issuance of authority loans
170 to refinance one or more eligible loans, and (3) to maintain a reserve held
171 by the authority to cover any losses incurred by the authority from the
172 issuance of such authority loans.

173 Sec. 7. Section 1 of substitute house bill 6689 of the current session is
174 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
175 *2023*):

176 (a) For the purposes of this section, "authority loans" and "eligible
177 loans" have the same meanings as provided in section 10a-223 of the
178 general statutes.

179 (b) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
180 shall establish, subject to available funding in the account established
181 and maintained pursuant to section 2 of [this act] substitute house bill
182 6689 of the current session, as amended by this act, a Nursing, [and]
183 Mental Health Care and Emergency Medical Service Professionals Loan
184 Subsidy Program for the purpose of subsidizing interest rates on
185 authority loans issued to refinance eligible loans for health care
186 professionals who (1) are actively employed in a clinical or an
187 emergency medical service setting, (2) are (A) licensed pursuant to
188 chapter 378, 378a, 383, 383a, 383b or 383c of the general statutes, or (B)
189 certified as an emergency medical responder or emergency medical
190 technician under the provisions of section 20-206ll or 20-206mm of the
191 general statutes or as an advanced emergency medical technician by the
192 Department of Public Health, and (3) meet the eligibility criteria
193 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

194 (c) The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority

195 shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Commissioner of
196 Education to establish eligibility criteria and administrative guidelines
197 for the program established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.
198 Such eligibility criteria and guidelines shall include, but need not be
199 limited to, (1) applicant eligibility criteria, (2) interest rate subsidies and
200 principal limits on authority loans offered under the program, (3) a
201 process for verifying that applicants are actively employed in a clinical
202 or an emergency medical service setting, and (4) a requirement that an
203 interest rate subsidy on an authority loan issued under the program be
204 terminated if the subsidy recipient fails to meet the requirements of the
205 program at any time during the term of such loan.

206 Sec. 8. Section 2 of substitute house bill 6689 of the current session is
207 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
208 *2023*):

209 The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority
210 shall establish and maintain a separate, nonlapsing account to hold
211 funds for the Nursing, [and] Mental Health Care and Emergency
212 Medical Service Professionals Loan Subsidy Program established
213 pursuant to section 1 of [this act] substitute house bill 6689 of the current
214 session, as amended by this act. The account shall contain any moneys
215 required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but not
216 limited to, any state appropriation and the proceeds from the sale of any
217 bonds issued for the purpose of section 1 of [this act] substitute house
218 bill 6689 of the current session, as amended by this act. Moneys in the
219 account shall be expended by the Connecticut Higher Education
220 Supplemental Loan Authority (1) for the purposes of the Nursing, [and]
221 Mental Health Care and Emergency Medical Service Professionals Loan
222 Subsidy Program established pursuant to section 1 of [this act]
223 substitute house bill 6689 of the current session, as amended by this act,
224 including, but not limited to, for reasonable expenses necessary to
225 administer said program, (2) to issue authority loans under said
226 program to refinance one or more eligible loans, and (3) to maintain a
227 reserve, held by the authority, to cover any losses incurred by the
228 authority in issuing authority loans under said program. For the

229 purposes of this section, "authority loans" and "eligible loans" have the
230 same meanings as provided in section 10a-223 of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4-124jj(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	38a-8(h)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	10a-247
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	10a-247a
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	HB 6689 (current session), Sec. 1
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	HB 6689 (current session), Sec. 2