



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 385
SPONSOR: Representative Minor-Brown
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GRANTS FOR NURSE PRECEPTORS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor and shall be implemented six months following enactment.
2. This Act establishes a grant program to provide financial support to hospitals and clinical facilities that offer preceptorships for nursing students and advanced practice nursing candidates.
3. Funding for this grant opportunity will be allocated to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Health Care Commission, and assigned to a Program Administrator (Delaware Nurses Workforce Institute or other nonprofit organization) with the knowledge and capacity to administer this program to provide a consistent and structured preceptorship program.
4. The DHSS' Division of Health Care Quality estimates approximately 144 eligible, licensed organizations that could potentially apply for this grant opportunity. These facilities include nursing homes, assisted living facilities, birthing centers, skilled home health agencies, hospice agencies, and hospitals across the state.
5. Based on incentive programs in other states, it is assumed that funding at a minimum of \$500,000 each year will support preceptor grants for eligible applicants. Funding will be distributed in a manner determined by the Program Administrator.
6. This Act requires the General Assembly to annually appropriate funding for this program. Funding must primarily be distributed to participating facilities, with a limited portion, assumed at 10% of the overall allocation, to be used for administrative and overhead costs to implement this program.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2027: Minimum of \$500,000
Fiscal Year 2028: Minimum of \$500,000
Fiscal Year 2029: Minimum of \$500,000

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