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SENATE, No. 621

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Extends term of office for members of NJ Collaborating Center for Nursing board and dedicates portion of nurse licensing fee to support center.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee on June 5, 2008, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/6/2009)

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Collaborating Center for
2 Nursing and amending and supplementing P.L.2002, c.116 and
3 supplementing chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.2002, c.116 (C.18A:65-90) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 2. There is established the New Jersey Collaborating Center for
11 Nursing **[at]** in the College of Nursing of Rutgers, The State
12 University of New Jersey, to address issues of supply and demand
13 of the nursing workforce, including education, recruitment,
14 retention and utilization of adequately prepared nursing personnel.
15 The center shall be administered by an executive director under the
16 direction of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing board
17 established pursuant to this act.

18 The primary goals of the center shall be to:

19 a. develop a strategic plan for the continuing development of
20 an adequate nursing workforce, in number and in education and
21 training, to meet the needs of New Jersey residents by:

22 (1) collecting and analyzing information about and maintaining
23 a database of the current and projected supply and demand of the
24 nursing workforce, including home health aides, nursing assistants,
25 unlicensed assistive personnel, registered nurses, practical nurses,
26 advanced practice nurses and doctorally prepared faculty; and

27 (2) determining priorities to be addressed from the plan;

28 b. continue the collaborative approach originating from New
29 Jersey Colleagues in Caring by convening representative groups of
30 health care stakeholders to:

31 (1) review and comment on the data analysis conducted by the
32 center;

33 (2) recommend systemic changes in the State's health care
34 system, including strategies for the implementation of the changes;
35 and

36 (3) disseminate the results of the reviews and recommendations
37 to the Legislature, health care stakeholders and consumers;

38 c. acknowledge the valued contribution of the nursing work
39 force to the health of the State by:

40 (1) promoting positive image-building efforts in nursing;

41 (2) supporting existing mechanisms for rewarding outstanding
42 nurses; and

43 (3) reporting with evidence-based data the relationship of
44 nursing care to the positive outcomes of the health of consumers;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted June 5, 2008.

1 d. provide consultation, technical assistance and information
2 related to nursing resources within and outside of the State and
3 serve as a clearinghouse for data related to nursing resources;

4 e. foster collaboration among members of the health care
5 community to achieve policy consensus, promote diversity and
6 enhance the knowledge of nurses and others in health policy and
7 health services research; and

8 f. seek competitive funding to support specific research
9 endeavors or model programs to enhance the resources available in
10 supporting innovative projects.

11 (P.L.2002, c.116, s.2)

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13 ¹[2. Section 3 of P.L.2002, c.116 (C.18A:65-91) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 3. The New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing shall be
16 governed by a 17-member board. A majority of the members first
17 appointed to the board shall include nurse representatives from
18 among the members of the New Jersey Colleagues in Caring
19 collaborative.

20 a. **[The]** (1) Two of the members shall be appointed by the
21 President of the Senate as follows: one representative of acute care
22 facilities recommended by the New Jersey Hospital Association;
23 and one representative of associate degree nursing programs
24 recommended by the Council of Associate Degree Programs.

25 (2) Two of the members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
26 General Assembly as follows: one representative of baccalaureate
27 and higher degree university nursing programs recommended by the
28 Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs; and one
29 representative of diploma nursing programs recommended by the
30 Association of Diploma Schools of Professional Nursing.

31 (3) Thirteen of the members shall be appointed by the Dean of
32 the College of Nursing, in accordance with policies established by
33 the board, and in consultation with a three-member appointment
34 committee established by the Dean, which committee shall include
35 the President of the New Jersey Board of Nursing, or his designee,
36 as follows:

37 **[(1) four members appointed by the President of the Senate who**
38 **include: one representative of acute care facilities recommended by**
39 **the New Jersey Hospital Association;] one representative of long-**
40 **term care facilities recommended by the Health Care Association of**
41 **New Jersey; [one] three registered professional **[nurse] nurses****
42 **recommended by the New Jersey State Nurses Association; [and]**
43 **one representative of home health care agencies recommended by**
44 **the Home **[Health Assembly] Care Association** of New Jersey;**

45 **[(2) four members appointed by the Speaker of the General**
46 **Assembly who include: one registered professional nurse**
47 **recommended by the New Jersey State Nurses Association;] one**

1 registered professional nurse recommended by the Organization of
2 Nurse Executives - New Jersey; one representative of acute care
3 facilities recommended by the New Jersey Council of Teaching
4 Hospitals; **[and]** one licensed practical nurse **[recommended by the**
5 **Licensed Practical Nurse Association of New Jersey]** who provides
6 direct patient care; **[and**

7 (3) nine members appointed by the Governor who include: one
8 registered professional nurse recommended by the New Jersey State
9 Nurses Association; **]** one registered professional nurse
10 recommended by the New Jersey League for Nursing; one health
11 care facility staff nurse providing direct patient care, who is
12 recommended by an organization that represents such nurses; two
13 consumers of health care; **[one representative of baccalaureate and**
14 **higher degree university nursing programs recommended by the**
15 **Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs; one**
16 **representative of associate degree nursing programs recommended**
17 **by the Council of Associate Degree programs; one representative of**
18 **diploma nursing programs recommended by the Association of**
19 **Diploma Schools of Professional Nursing;]** and one representative
20 of practical nursing programs recommended by the **[Licensed**
21 **Practical Nurses Education]** Practical Nurses Educator's Council of
22 New Jersey .

23 b. The term of office of each member shall be **[two]** three
24 years**];** except that, of the members first appointed, two members
25 appointed by the Senate President shall serve for a term of one year
26 and two for a term of two years; two members appointed by the
27 Speaker of the General Assembly shall serve for a term of one year
28 and two for a term of two years; and four members appointed by the
29 Governor shall serve for a term of one year and five for a term of
30 two years**].**

31 A member shall hold office for the term of his appointment and
32 until his successor has been appointed and qualified. All vacancies
33 shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same
34 manner as the original appointment. A member of the board is
35 eligible for reappointment, but no member shall serve for more than
36 two consecutive terms.

37 c. The board shall meet at least quarterly and shall meet as
38 soon as practical following the appointment of its members to
39 choose, from among the members and by a majority vote of the
40 members, a chairperson and such other officers as it deems
41 appropriate. The chairperson and other officers shall serve in their
42 elected office for a term of two years and may not succeed
43 themselves in office.

44 d. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be
45 reimbursed for the reasonable travel and other out-of-pocket
46 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in a manner

1 consistent with the policies and procedures of Rutgers, The State
2 University of New Jersey.
3 (cf: P.L.2002, c.116, s.3)]¹

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6 read as follows:

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10 among the members of the New Jersey Colleagues in Caring
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13 (1) four members appointed by the President of the Senate who
14 include: one representative of acute care facilities recommended by
15 the New Jersey Hospital Association; one representative of long-
16 term care facilities recommended by the Health Care Association of
17 New Jersey; one registered professional nurse recommended by the
18 New Jersey State Nurses Association; and one representative of
19 home health care agencies recommended by the Home **[Health**
20 **Assembly]** Care Association of New Jersey;

21 (2) four members appointed by the Speaker of the General
22 Assembly who include: one registered professional nurse
23 recommended by the New Jersey State Nurses Association; one
24 registered professional nurse recommended by the Organization of
25 Nurse Executives - New Jersey; one representative of acute care
26 facilities recommended by the New Jersey Council of Teaching
27 Hospitals; and one licensed practical nurse **[recommended by the**
28 **Licensed Practical Nurse Association of New Jersey]** who provides
29 direct patient care; and

30 (3) nine members appointed by the Governor who include: one
31 registered professional nurse recommended by the New Jersey State
32 Nurses Association; one registered professional nurse recommended
33 by the New Jersey League for Nursing; one health care facility staff
34 nurse providing direct patient care, who is recommended by an
35 organization that represents such nurses; two consumers of health
36 care; one representative of baccalaureate and higher degree
37 university nursing programs recommended by the Council of
38 Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs; one representative of
39 associate degree nursing programs recommended by the Council of
40 Associate Degree programs; one representative of diploma nursing
41 programs recommended by the Association of Diploma Schools of
42 Professional Nursing; and one representative of practical nursing
43 programs recommended by the **[Licensed]** Practical Nurses
44 **[Education]** Educator's Council of New Jersey.

45 b. The term of office of each member shall be **[two]** three
46 years**;** except that, of the members first appointed, two members

1 appointed by the Senate President shall serve for a term of one year
2 and two for a term of two years; two members appointed by the
3 Speaker of the General Assembly shall serve for a term of one year
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14 soon as practical following the appointment of its members to
15 choose, from among the members and by a majority vote of the
16 members, a chairperson and such other officers as it deems
17 appropriate. The chairperson and other officers shall serve in their
18 elected office for a term of two years and may not succeed
19 themselves in office.

20 d. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be
21 reimbursed for the reasonable travel and other out-of-pocket
22 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in a manner
23 consistent with the policies and procedures of Rutgers, The State
24 University of New Jersey.¹

25 (cf: P.L.2002, c.116, s.3)

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27 3. Section 4 of P.L.2002, c.116 (C.18A:65-92) is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 4. The board shall:

30 a. determine global policies for the center;

31 b. implement the primary goals of the center as established in
32 this act;

33 c. appoint a multidisciplinary advisory council to provide input
34 and advice on policy matters. The advisory council shall include
35 representatives from all of the organizations represented in the
36 collaborative of New Jersey Colleagues in Caring;

37 d. appoint a full-time executive director who shall serve at the
38 pleasure of the board and shall be a person qualified by training and
39 experience to perform the duties of the office. The board shall
40 authorize the executive director to employ such other staff as the
41 executive director deems necessary and within the limits of funds
42 available to the center. All policies and procedures concerning the
43 hiring of center employees shall be the same as and consistent with
44 the applicable policies and procedures of Rutgers, The State
45 University of New Jersey;

46 e. apply for and accept grants of money available for carrying
47 out the policies and activities of the center from the federal

1 government, and accept gifts, grants and bequests of funds from
2 individuals, foundations, corporations, governmental agencies and
3 other organizations and institutions to carry out the purposes of this
4 act; **[and]**

5 f. establish policies for the appointment of members of the
6 board; and

7 g. submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature one year
8 after the center is established, and every two years thereafter, on its
9 activities and findings. The report may include such
10 recommendations for legislative action as the board deems
11 appropriate. The board shall make its annual report available to
12 members of the public, upon request.

13 (cf: P.L.2002, c.116, s.4)

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15 4. (New section) There is annually appropriated to the New
16 Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing in the College of Nursing
17 of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 5% of the initial
18 and renewal licensing fees for professional and practical nurses
19 collected by the New Jersey Board of Nursing each year.

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21 5. (New section) a. Of the initial and renewal licensing fees
22 charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing pursuant to
23 N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5 for professional and practical nurses, an amount
24 equal to 5% of the fee shall be dedicated to funding the New Jersey
25 Collaborating Center for Nursing in the College of Nursing of
26 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

27 b. The board may, by regulation, revise the fees charged
28 pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5 to account for the loss of revenue to
29 the board as a result of the dedication of funding pursuant to this
30 section.

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32 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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2 charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing pursuant to
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6 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

7 b. The board may, by regulation, revise the fees charged
8 pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5 to account for the loss of revenue to
9 the board as a result of the dedication of funding pursuant to this
10 section.

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12 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

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17 This bill concerns the organization and operation of the New
18 Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing and provides a permanent
19 funding source for the center to ensure the sustainability of the
20 center.

21 Specifically, the bill:

- 22 • provides that the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing
23 shall be in the College of Nursing at Rutgers, The State
24 University. Presently, the law more generally provides that the
25 center is at Rutgers, The State University;
- 26 • revises the methodology for appointing members to the center's
27 17-member board to make the appointment process more
28 efficient, and changes the membership composition.
- 29 • the bill provides that the President of the Senate would appoint
30 one representative of acute care facilities recommended by the
31 New Jersey Hospital Association; and one representative of
32 associate degree nursing programs recommended by the Council
33 of Associate Degree Programs. Similarly, the Speaker of the
34 General Assembly would appoint one representative of
35 baccalaureate and higher degree university nursing programs
36 recommended by the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher
37 Degree Programs; and one representative of diploma nursing
38 programs recommended by the Association of Diploma Schools
39 of Professional Nursing.
- 40 • deletes the reference to the Licensed Practical Nurses
41 Association of New Jersey, since that organization is no longer
42 active; and
- 43 • increases the term of office of the members from two to three
44 years.
- 45 • the bill also specifies that one of the three members of the
46 appointment committee shall be the President of the New Jersey
47 Board of Nursing, or his designee.

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1 Further, in order to ensure that the center has stable, predictable
2 funding each year, the bill dedicates 5% of the initial and renewal
3 licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing
4 (pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5) for professional and practical
5 nurses to funding the center. The bill also authorizes the board, by
6 regulation, to revise the nurse licensing fees to account for the loss
7 of revenue to the board as a result of the dedication of funding to
8 the center.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 621

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2008

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 621.

As amended by the committee, this bill makes certain changes in regard to the governing board of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing and provides a permanent funding source for the center in order to ensure its sustainability.

The bill provides specifically as follows:

- The New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing, established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2002, c.116 (C.18A:65-90), is to be located within the College of Nursing of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, rather than being more generally located at the university (as current law provides).
- The bill makes technical changes with respect to the appointment of certain members of the governing board of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing, as follows:
 - the reference to the "Home Health Assembly of New Jersey" is updated to the "Home Care Association of New Jersey";
 - the reference to a licensed practical nurse (LPN) recommended by the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of New Jersey is revised (since that organization is no longer active) to require that the member be a LPN who provides direct patient care; and
 - the reference to the "Licensed Practical Nurses Education Council" is updated to the "Practical Nurses Educator's Council of New Jersey."
- The term of office of each member of the governing board is increased from two to three years.
- An amount equal to 5% of the initial and renewal licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing for professional and practical nurses (pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5) is to be dedicated to funding, and annually appropriated to, the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing; and the board is authorized to revise nurse licensing fees, by regulation, to account for its loss of revenue as a result of the dedication of funding to the center.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 383 (ACA) (Diegnan), which the committee also reported on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill delete the changes in the methodology for appointing the 17 members comprising the governing board of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 621

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2008

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 621.

This bill concerns the organization and operation of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing and provides a permanent funding source for the center to ensure the sustainability of the center.

Specifically, the bill:

- provides that the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing shall be in the College of Nursing of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Presently, the law more generally provides that the center is at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey;
- revises the methodology for appointing members to the center's 17-member board to make the appointment process more efficient, and changes the membership composition.
- provides that the President of the Senate would appoint one representative of acute care facilities recommended by the New Jersey Hospital Association, and one representative of associate degree nursing programs recommended by the Council of Associate Degree Programs. Similarly, the Speaker of the General Assembly would appoint one representative of baccalaureate and higher degree university nursing programs recommended by the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs, and one representative of diploma nursing programs recommended by the Association of Diploma Schools of Professional Nursing.
- provides that 13 members shall be appointed by the Dean of the College of Nursing, in accordance with policies established by the board, and in consultation with a three-member appointment committee established by the Dean, which committee shall include the President of the New Jersey Board of Nursing, or his designee. The 13 members shall include: one representative of long-term care facilities recommended by the Health Care Association of New Jersey; three registered professional nurses recommended by the New Jersey State Nurses Association; one representative of home health care agencies recommended by the Home Care Association of New Jersey; one registered professional nurse recommended by the Organization of Nurse Executives-New Jersey; one

representative of acute care facilities recommended by the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals; one licensed practical nurse who provides direct patient care; one registered professional nurse recommended by the New Jersey League for Nursing; one health care facility staff nurse providing direct patient care, who is recommended by an organization that represents such nurses; two consumers of health care; and one representative of practical nursing programs recommended by the Practical Nurses Educator's Council of New Jersey;

- deletes the reference to the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of New Jersey, since that organization is no longer active and provides, instead, for a licensed practical nurse who provides direct patient care; and
- increases the term of office of the members from two to three years.

Further, in order to ensure that the center has stable, predictable funding each year, the bill dedicates 5% of the initial and renewal licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing (pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5) for professional and practical nurses to funding the center. The bill also authorizes the board, by regulation, to revise the nurse licensing fees to account for the loss of revenue to the board as a result of the dedication of funding to the center.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2008-2009 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 621

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2009

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Extends the term of office for members of NJ Collaborating Center for Nursing board and dedicates portion of nurse licensing fee to support center.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure increase. Board of Nursing.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, Board of Nursing, New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
State Cost	\$391,000	\$391,000	\$391,000

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates the center would receive approximately \$391,000 annually from the Board of Nursing, in the Division of Consumer Affairs. The OLS further notes that the bill provides the authority to the Board of Nursing to increase fees as needed. Since the Board of Nursing's current annual carry forward balance is between \$1 million and \$4.1 million, there appears to be no need for an increase in licensing fees to meet this expenditure in the upcoming years.
- This bill would provide a permanent funding source for the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing by dedicating a portion of specific nurse licensing fees to support the center.
- This bill provides that an amount equal to five percent of the initial and renewal licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing for professional and practical nurses be dedicated to the center.
- Biennially, there are an estimated 132,749 licenses in force within the Board of Nursing that would be affected through this bill. Of these licenses, there are 21,678 active and paid inactive Licensed Practical Nurses and 111,071 active and paid inactive Registered Professional Nurses.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 621 (1R) of 2008 extends the term of office for board members of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing and provides a permanent funding source for the center in order to ensure its sustainability by dedicating a portion of the nurse licensing fee to support the center.

Established by legislation (P.L.2002, c.116), the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing is funded by a public/private funding partnership between the State and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The center serves as a research and development organization to provide objective information about the nursing workforce in New Jersey.

Specifically, the bill provides that an amount equal to five percent of the initial and renewal licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing for professional and practical nurses (pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5) is to be dedicated to funding, and annually appropriated to, the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing.

The bill also authorizes the Board of Nursing to revise nurse licensing fees, by regulation, to account for its loss of revenue as a result of the dedication of funding to the center.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Division of Consumer Affairs

The Division of Consumer Affairs provided data that indicated as of June 30, 2007 there were 132,749 licenses, 127,925 active and 4,824 paid inactive, that would be affected by this bill.

Of these licenses, Licensed Practical Nurses made up 21,678 licenses (20,946 active and 732 paid inactive) and Registered Professional Nurses made up 111,071 licenses (106,979 active and 4,092 paid inactive). These licenses are renewed biennially.

New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing

According to the center, since the legislative inception of the program in 2003, it has received \$545,000 in grants from the State, \$11,000 from board members, and \$2,059,653 from grants which are not expected to continue past 2009.

The center determined that based upon the current rate of fees, this legislation if enacted would provide a dedicated stream of revenue between \$350,000 to \$400,000 annually.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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As of March 2006, the initial license and license renewal fee is \$120 and an inactive license fee is \$60. According to this bill, five percent of these license fees would be dedicated to the center.

Section: Law and Public Safety Section

Analyst: Kristin A. Brunner
Senior Fiscal Analyst

Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L. 1980, c.67 (C. 52:13B-1 et seq.).

1 N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5 for professional and practical nurses, an amount
2 equal to 5% of the fee shall be dedicated to funding the New Jersey
3 Collaborating Center for Nursing in the College of Nursing of
4 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

5 b. The board may, by regulation, revise the fees charged
6 pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5 to account for the loss of revenue to
7 the board as a result of the dedication of funding pursuant to this
8 section.

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10 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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12 SPONSOR'S STATEMENT
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29 degree university nursing programs recommended by the Council of
30 Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs; and one representative
31 of diploma nursing programs recommended by the Association of
32 Diploma Schools of Professional Nursing. The bill provides that
33 the remaining 13 members of the board would be appointed by the
34 Dean of the College of Nursing in consultation with a three-member
35 appointment committee established by the Dean, and that one of the
36 three members of the appointment committee is to be the President
37 of the New Jersey Board of Nursing, or his designee.

38 The bill updates the names of two organizations, the Home Care
39 Association of New Jersey, and the Practical Nurses Educator's
40 Council of New Jersey. In addition, the bill increases the members'
41 terms of office from two to three years.

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43 each year, the bill dedicates 5% of the initial and renewal licensing
44 fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing (pursuant to
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46 the center. The bill also authorizes the board, by regulation, to

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- 2 the board as a result of the dedication of funding to the center.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 383

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2008

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 383.

As amended by the committee, this bill makes certain changes in regard to the governing board of the governing board of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing and provides a permanent funding source for the center in order to ensure its sustainability.

The bill provides specifically as follows:

- The New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing, established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2002, c.116 (C.18A:65-90), is to be located within the College of Nursing of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, rather than being more generally located at the university (as current law provides).
- The bill makes technical changes with respect to the appointment of certain members of the governing board of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing, as follows:
 - the reference to the "Home Health Assembly of New Jersey" is updated to the "Home Care Association of New Jersey";
 - the reference to a licensed practical nurse (LPN) recommended by the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of New Jersey is revised (since that organization is no longer active) to require that the member be a LPN who provides direct patient care; and
 - the reference to the "Licensed Practical Nurses Education Council" is updated to the "Practical Nurses Educator's Council of New Jersey."
- The term of office of each member of the governing board is increased from two to three years.
- An amount equal to 5% of the initial and renewal licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing for professional and practical nurses (pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5) is to be dedicated to funding, and annually appropriated to, the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing; and the board is authorized to revise nurse licensing fees, by regulation, to account for its loss of revenue as a result of the dedication of funding to the center.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 621 (ACA) (Vitale/Weinberg), which the committee also reported on this date.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2008-2009 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill delete the changes in the methodology for appointing the 17 members comprising the governing board of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 383

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2009

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Extends the term of office for members of NJ Collaborating Center for Nursing board and dedicates portion of nurse licensing fee to support center.
- Type of Impact:** Expenditure increase. Board of Nursing.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, Board of Nursing, New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
State Cost	\$391,000	\$391,000	\$391,000

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates the center would receive approximately \$391,000 annually from the Board of Nursing, in the Division of Consumer Affairs. The OLS further notes that the bill provides the authority to the Board of Nursing to increase fees as needed. Since the Board of Nursing's current annual carry forward balance is between \$1 million and \$4.1 million, there appears to be no need for an increase in licensing fees to meet this expenditure in the upcoming years.
- This bill would provide a permanent funding source for the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing by dedicating a portion of specific nurse licensing fees to support the center.
- This bill provides that an amount equal to five percent of the initial and renewal licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing for professional and practical nurses be dedicated to the center.
- Biennially, there are an estimated 132,749 licenses in force within the Board of Nursing that would be affected through this bill. Of these licenses, there are 21,678 active and paid inactive Licensed Practical Nurses and 111,071 active and paid inactive Registered Professional Nurses.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 383 (1R) of 2008 extends the term of office for board members of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing and provides a permanent funding source for the center in order to ensure its sustainability by dedicating a portion of the nurse licensing fee to support the center.

Established by legislation (P.L.2002, c.116), the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing is funded by a public/private funding partnership between the State and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The center serves as a research and development organization to provide objective information about the nursing workforce in New Jersey.

Specifically, the bill provides that an amount equal to five percent of the initial and renewal licensing fees charged by the New Jersey Board of Nursing for professional and practical nurses (pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-5.5) is to be dedicated to funding, and annually appropriated to, the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing.

The bill also authorizes the Board of Nursing to revise nurse licensing fees, by regulation, to account for its loss of revenue as a result of the dedication of funding to the center.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Division of Consumer Affairs

The Division of Consumer Affairs provided data that indicated as of June 30, 2007 there were 132,749 licenses, 127,925 active and 4,824 paid inactive, that would be affected by this bill.

Of these licenses, Licensed Practical Nurses made up 21,678 licenses (20,946 active and 732 paid inactive) and Registered Professional Nurses made up 111,071 licenses (106,979 active and 4,092 paid inactive). These licenses are renewed biennially.

New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing

According to the center, since the legislative inception of the program in 2003, it has received \$545,000 in grants from the State, \$11,000 from board members, and \$2,059,653 from grants which are not expected to continue past 2009.

The center determined that based upon the current rate of fees, this legislation if enacted would provide a dedicated stream of revenue between \$350,000 to \$400,000 annually.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates the center would receive approximately \$391,000 annually from the Board of Nursing, in the Division of Consumer Affairs. The OLS further notes that the bill provides the authority to the Board of Nursing to increase fees as needed. Since the Board of Nursing's current annual carry forward balance is between \$1 million and \$4.1 million, there appears to be no need for an increase in licensing fees to meet this expenditure in the upcoming years.

The Board of Nursing has in force 132,749 Practical Nurses and Registered Professional Nurses licenses (127,925 active and 4,824 paid inactive). These licenses are issued and renewed on a biennial basis.

As of March 2006, the initial license and license renewal fee is \$120 and an inactive license fee is \$60. According to this bill, five percent of these license fees would be dedicated to the center.

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L. 1980, c.67 (C. 52:13B-1 et seq.).