SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 229 by Senator Hensgens

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- 2 On page 1, line 14, after "<u>treasury</u>" and before "<u>a special</u>" delete the comma "<u>, as</u>"
- 3 AMENDMENT NO. 2
- 4 On page 2, line 9, after "<u>C.</u>" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 10, and insert the following:

6	"(1) Subject to legislative appropriation and the approval of the Board
7	of Regents, the Louisiana Health Works Commission is hereby authorized and
8	directed to determine how monies in the fund are allocated and expended
9	through a multi-year plan, solely and exclusively for the following purposes and
10	in the following priorities:
11	(a) Meet the current and growing employment demands for nursing and
12	allied health professionals by increasing the capacity of nursing and allied
13	health training programs through supporting initiatives such as increasing
14	faculty positions and clinical preceptors in nursing and allied health schools.
15	(b) Support the nursing and allied health professions by providing
16	incentives that financially support student financial stipends and tuition
17	forgiveness contingent upon employment in Louisiana healthcare facilities or
18	nursing or allied health schools.
19	(c) Provide incentives for nursing and allied health care professionals to
20	practice in Louisiana with an emphasis on medically underserved areas of the
21	state.
22	(2) Monies in the fund shall not be used for construction, maintenance,
23	repair or improvement of structures.
24	D. On or before October first of each year, the Louisiana Health Works
25	Commission shall submit a plan of fund allocation to the Board of Regents.
26	E. The Board of Regents shall submit a comprehensive annual report to
27	the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Appropriations, the
28	Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health
29	and Welfare no later than sixty days after the end of the state fiscal year in
30	which the monies were appropriated.
31	F. The provisions of this Section shall terminate on July 1, 2026 or when
32	all of the monies in the fund have been expended, whichever occurs first. Any
33	monies remaining in the fund on July 1, 2026 shall be transferred by the State
34	Treasurer to the state general fund."