

February 9, 2017

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 224-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 100 by Senator Baumgardner

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 100 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under the Nursing Service Scholarship Program, students seeking a nursing scholarship must locate a sponsor who will pay up to one-half the scholarship stipend and agree to employ the scholarship recipient within six months of licensure. Additionally, students must be enrolled full-time in a Kansas nursing program and agree to provide one year of nursing service to the sponsor for each year of scholarship support. SB 100 would add mental health or treatment facilities to the list of eligible sponsors, but would provide that the state would be required to pay the entire amount of the scholarship. Mental health or treatment facility would be defined as any:

1. Private treatment facility as defined in KSA 59- 29b46;
2. Public treatment facility as defined in KSA 59- 29b46;
3. Community mental health center organized under KSA 19-4001 through 19-4015, and licensed under KSA 2016 Supp. 39-2001 et seq.;
4. Mental health clinic organized under KSA 65-211 through 65-215, and licensed under KSA 2016 Supp. 39-2001 et seq.;
5. Psychiatric hospital, psychiatric residential treatment facility or residential care facility as defined in KSA 2016 Supp. 39-2002;
6. Hospital as defined in KSA 65-425, provided that the hospital has a psychiatric unit; and the scholarship recipient is required to fulfill the nursing service scholarship's employment obligations as an employee in the psychiatric unit of the hospital; or
7. Osawatomie State Hospital, Larned State Hospital, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center or the Kansas Neurological Institute.

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The bill clarifies that nursing students must be enrolled in a School of Nursing that is under the control and supervision of the State Board of Regents; a municipal university; or a not-for-profit independent institution of higher education that has its main campus or principal place of operation in Kansas, maintains open enrollment as defined in KSA 74-32,120, and is operated independently and not controlled or administered by the state or any agency or subdivision thereof. Finally, SB 100 would require the Board of Regents to provide an annual written report on the Nursing Service Scholarship Program to both the Senate Committee on Education and House Committee on Education.

The Board of Regents indicates any additional scholarships awards that may be required from the enactment of SB 100 could be funded within existing appropriations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents