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HOUSE BILL NO. 1086

Introduced by: Representatives Glenski, Begalka, Burg, Kooistra, McCoy, Peterson (Jim),
Van Etten, and Van Gerpen and Senators Olson (Ed), Reedy, Staggers, and
Sutton (Dan)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a refund of tuition for certain nurses.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. Terms used in this Act mean:

4 (1) "Eligible nurse," a nurse who practices in an area of critical need as determined by the

5 Department of Health and whose nursing employment begins after May 1, 2002;

6 (2) "Postsecondary tuition," the lesser of five thousand dollars or actual tuition paid

7 minus any scholarships or grants that were received by the eligible nurse;

8 (3) "Secretary," the secretary of the Department of Health.

9 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from earnings on the health care trust fund the sum

10 of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the

11 Department of Health for tuition refunds to eligible nurses pursuant to this Act.

12 Section 3. An eligible nurse may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of

13 the nurse's first year's postsecondary tuition if the nurse practiced in South Dakota for three

14 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.



1 Section 4. An eligible nurse may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of
2 the nurse's second year's postsecondary tuition if the nurse practiced in South Dakota for five
3 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

4 Section 5. An eligible nurse may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of
5 the nurse's third year's postsecondary tuition if the nurse practiced in South Dakota for seven
6 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

7 Section 6. An eligible nurse may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of
8 the nurse's fourth year's postsecondary tuition if the nurse practiced in South Dakota for nine
9 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

10 Section 7. An eligible nurse may receive a reimbursement equal to twenty-five percent of the
11 nurse's first four-year postsecondary tuition if the nurse practiced in South Dakota for ten
12 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

13 Section 8. The secretary of the Department of Health shall approve vouchers and the state
14 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

15 Section 9. The Department of Health shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to
16 prescribe application procedures, designate areas of critical need, and establish payments.