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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nursing scholarships; to provide powers and
2 duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; and to state
3 intent regarding appropriations.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
2 award scholarships of two thousand five hundred dollars per semester to
3 nursing students who meet the qualifications listed in subsection (2) of
4 this section subject to available appropriations.

5 (2) To be eligible for a scholarship, a nursing student shall:

6 (a) Reside in Nebraska;

7 (b) Enroll or state an intent to enroll in a nursing program that
8 (i) is approved pursuant to sections 38-2232 to 38-2236, (ii) is offered
9 by a public or private postsecondary institution in Nebraska, and (iii)
10 consists of courses of instruction in regularly scheduled classes leading
11 only to an associate degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing or an
12 accelerated bachelor of science in nursing degree;

13 (c) State an intent to practice as a licensed practical nurse,
14 licensed registered nurse, or nurse aide upon completion of the approved
15 nursing program; and

16 (d) Agree in writing to work for two years in this state as a
17 licensed practical nurse, licensed registered nurse, or nurse aide upon
18 completion of the approved nursing program.

19 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate five million
20 dollars for fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of Health and Human
21 Services for purposes of this section.