

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 18, chapter 202, Laws of 1949, section 17, chapter 133, Laws of 1973 and RCW 18.88.180; and

(2) Section 16, chapter 288, Laws of 1961 and RCW 18.88.185.

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## CHAPTER 115

[Senate Bill No. 5393]

### NURSES—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE—INSTITUTION DEFINED

AN ACT Relating to educational assistance for nurses; and amending RCW 28B.104.020.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 242, Laws of 1988 and RCW 28B.104.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Conditional scholarship" means a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part if the recipient renders nursing service as a nurse serving in a nurse shortage area, as defined by the state health coordinating council.

(2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a community college, vocational-technical school, college, or university in the state of Washington which is accredited by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher education coordinating board.

(3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

(4) "Eligible student" means a student who has been accepted into a program leading to eligibility for licensure as a licensed practical nurse, or to a program leading to an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree in nursing or continues satisfactory progress within the program; and has a declared intention to serve in a nurse shortage area upon completion of the educational program.

(5) "Nurse shortage area" means those areas where nurses are in short supply as a result of geographic maldistribution; or specialty areas of nursing, such as geriatrics or critical care, where vacancies exist in serious numbers that jeopardize patient care and pose a threat to the public health and safety. The state health coordinating council shall determine nurse shortage areas in the state guided by federal standards of "health manpower shortage areas."

(6) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" or "forgiveness" means to render nursing service in a nurse shortage area in the state of Washington in lieu of monetary repayment.

(7) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

(8) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a conditional scholarship under this chapter.

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## CHAPTER 116

[Senate Bill No. 5137]

### SCHOOL NURSES—TRANSFER OF CITY RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

AN ACT Relating to portability of pension benefits for school nurses; adding new sections to chapter 41.32 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. The provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act shall apply only to a member who:

- (1) Is employed as a school nurse after the effective date of this act;
- (2) Has previously held a position with a public health department in the city of Seattle, Spokane, or Tacoma; and
- (3) Has received credit in the Seattle, Spokane, or Tacoma city employee retirement system for his or her service.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. (1) A member who fulfills the requirements of section 1 of this act shall have the option of transferring his or her service credit in the Seattle, Spokane, or Tacoma city employee retirement system to the Washington state teachers' retirement system.

(2) A member who fulfills the requirements of section 1 of this act and has withdrawn contributions from the Seattle, Spokane, or Tacoma city employee retirement system may restore the contributions, together with interest since the date of withdrawal as determined by the system, and recover the service represented by the contributions. Restoration must be completed by December 31, 1990.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. (1) In order to make a transfer authorized by section 2 of this act, the member must file a written declaration no later than December 31, 1990, with both the department and the city employee retirement system indicating the member's desire to make an irrevocable transfer of credit.

(2) Upon receipt of the written declaration the city employee retirement system shall send the department a report of the member's service