

SENATE BILL 669

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By: Senator Rosapepe

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program
4 Workgroup to study the feasibility of developing and implementing a registered
5 nurse degree apprenticeship program in the State; and generally relating to the
6 Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) There is a Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup.

10 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

11 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
12 the Senate;

13 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
14 the House;

15 (3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (4) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (5) one representative of the State Board of Nursing, designated by the
18 Chair of the Board;

19 (6) one representative of the Maryland Nurses Association, designated by
20 the President of the Board of Directors of the Association;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (8) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association, designated by
4 the President of the Association;

5 (9) one representative of the Governor's Workforce Development Board,
6 designated by the Chair of the Board; and

(10) one representative of the Career and Technical Education Committee established under § 21-207 of the Education Article, designated by the Chair of the Committee.

10 (c) The Secretary of Health shall designate the chair of the Workgroup.

11 (d) The Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Department of Labor
12 jointly shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

13 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

14 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

17 (f) The Workgroup shall:

18 (1) study the feasibility of developing and implementing a nurse
19 apprenticeship program in the State;

20 (2) review existing models of nurse apprenticeship programs in other
21 jurisdictions, including programs in Alabama, the United Kingdom, and other countries;
22 and

23 (3) make recommendations on:

24 (i) the framework for registered nurse degree apprenticeship
25 programs that may be implemented in the State and that begin in high school and continue
26 through all education needed for the different categories of nurses, including for registered
27 nurses and specialty certifications; and

(ii) sustainable funding models for the nurse apprenticeship programs recommended under item (i) of this item.

30 (g) On or before April 1, 2024, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
31 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
32 Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and

1 Government Operations Committee.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2024, this
4 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
5 further force and effect.