



## **Action Now!**

### **Report for Funding Workgroup**

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**Introduction:** The Action Now! funding workgroup, comprised of twenty-three members or consultants worked to:

- Obtain a clear understanding of current and potential funding streams for both private and public nursing education programs;
- Identify cost of nursing education at both program and practice levels;
- Identify cost savings or budget neutral recommendations for nursing education programs and practice partners to utilize in the education of nurses;
- Prioritize funding recommendations;
- Develop a sustainable nursing education program funding method; and
- Identify policy changes needed.

#### **Out-of-state Nursing Education Support & Funding Sources:**

- Missouri - Fee on Nurses License (\$125,000 to \$150,000).
- Texas - State provides annual funding based on nurse enrollment in their program and NCLEX pass rates. Pay more to programs who produce graduates who surpass the National Council Licensing Examination.
- Tennessee - Graduate loan forgiveness program to qualified primary care practitioners for ambulatory care, includes private and nonprofit providers in designated health professional shortage programs.
- California - \$10 surcharge on nursing licenses and re-licensure brings in millions for nursing scholarships.
- Illinois - Generates funding from “advancing nursing” license plates.
- South Dakota - Legislators to partner with community on a ballot initiative to raise a tobacco tax to go to nursing education funding.
- Oregon - Tax Credits for Nurse Educators.
- Maryland Model - Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Waiver provides money to educate nurses in both nursing program and healthcare settings.
- Nursing Schools and Academic Health Centers.
- South Carolina - HB 3620 in the Ways and Means Committee – allows an income tax credit ranging from \$750.00 for each rotation and capped at \$10,000 for an ARNP, PA, or Physician to precept an ARNP student.

#### **Cost Savings Measures Considered:**

- Centralized Purchasing for Nursing Education
- Consolidation of Nursing Education Programs to serve district/region
- Transition to Practice via use of Nursing Technician Licensure