

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1091**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 11, 2022  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Dorn  
**One Liner:** Adopt the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Murman, Walz, Williams  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Myron Dorn  
Tim Plante

Christi Glesmann  
Kari Wade  
Jenny Obermier  
Trevia Haugaard  
Amy Bliemeister  
Abbey Klein

**Representing:**

District 30  
CHI Health, Nebraska Hospital Association, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Center for Nursing  
Nebraska Nurses Association  
York General, Nebraska Health Association  
Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges Foundation  
Nebraska Methodist College  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 1091 would create and adopt the Nebraska Nursing Incentive Act. It would require the Department of Health and Human Services to award scholarships to prospective nurses. To qualify for a scholarship, a student must:  
Be a resident of Nebraska;

Intend to enroll in an approved nursing program, defined as a postsecondary program which consists of courses leading to an associate degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing;

Intend to practice as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or nurse aide upon completion of the program; and  
Agree in writing to work for two years in the state as an LPN or nurse aide.

LB 1091 would also state intent to use \$5,000,000 in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act to fund the program.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1875 would replace the green copy of LB 1091 and become the bill. Changes from the original bill would add to the definition of "approved nursing program" by including a program approved pursuant to statutes related to nursing programs (Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-2232 to 38-2236).

The Nursing Incentive Act would also apply to licensed registered nurses who have received an associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing. It would still not apply to registered nurses who have received a bachelor's degree, or advanced practice registered nurses.

The scholarship would be capped at \$2,500 per semester per student.

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John Arch, Chairperson