

**SB26 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senator Weaver  
4 RFD: Healthcare  
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6 PFD: 01-Feb-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the Board of Nursing; to amend Section  
5 34-21-98, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2023-317 of  
6 the 2023 Regular Session, to correct an erroneous reference to  
7 a "nurse educator" to an "advanced practice nurse" under the  
8 Alabama Loan Repayment Program for Advanced Practice Nursing.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 34-21-98 of the Code of Alabama  
11 1975, as amended by Act 2023-317 of the 2023 Regular Session  
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 "§34-21-98

14 (a) In the event that the participant defaults on or  
15 otherwise fails to honor a ~~loan repayment~~ loan repayment  
16 contract with the board for any reason, the individual shall  
17 be liable for immediate repayment of the total principal loan  
18 amount plus interest at the rate of eight percent, or the  
19 prime lending rate, whichever is greater, accruing from the  
20 date of default or other failure to honor the contract.

21 (b) If, for any reason, after graduation with a  
22 graduate degree to become ~~a nurse educator~~ an advanced  
23 practice nurse and prior to completion of the repayment  
24 obligation set forth in Section 34-21-97, a participant  
25 defaults on or otherwise fails to honor a loan repayment  
26 contract with the board, the participant shall pay an  
27 additional penalty equal to 20 percent of the total principal  
28 amount of all loans received by the participant.



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29           (c) The failure of a participant to honor his or her  
30 contract with the board or to pay the amount he or she is  
31 liable for under this article shall constitute grounds for the  
32 revocation of his or her license to practice nursing.

33           (d) The board may excuse repayment of a loan, in whole  
34 or in part, upon the death of a participant, the participant  
35 becoming disabled to the extent that he or she is no longer  
36 able to engage in the practice of nursing, or some other  
37 extreme hardship not the fault of the participant."

38           Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 27-Feb-24

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 19-Mar-24

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By: Senator Weaver