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SENATE BILL NO. 429–COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)

MARCH 24, 2025

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes appropriations to certain universities for scholarships for students studying social work. (BDR S-352)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to social work; making appropriations to the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to award scholarships to certain students enrolled in social work programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes a student of social work or a social work trainee to engage in the supervised practice of social work in a training institution or facility recognized by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers. (NRS 641B.040) **Section 17** of this bill makes appropriations to the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to award scholarships to students who: (1) are enrolled in a program to obtain a bachelor's degree or master's degree in social work; and (2) as part of such a program, are engaging in a field practicum at a practicum site that meets certain requirements.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 7. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 10. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 11. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 12. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 13. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 14. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 15. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 16. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 17. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the University of Nevada, Reno, the sum of $1,600,000 to award scholarships as provided in subsection 3.

2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the sum of $400,000 to award scholarships as provided in subsection 3.

3. The money appropriated by subsections 1 and 2 must be used to award scholarships to students who:

(a) Are enrolled in a program to obtain a bachelor's degree or master's degree in social work; and

(b) As part of such a program, are engaging in a field practicum at a practicum site that is:

(1) A hospital that has been certified as a critical access hospital by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1395i-4(e);

(2) A rural clinic, as that term is defined in NRS 449.0175;

(3) A rural hospital, as that term is defined in NRS 449.0177;

(4) A rural emergency hospital, as that term is defined in NRS 449.0178;

(5) In a census tract which, upon commencement of the field practicum, was designated as a qualified census tract by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 42(d)(5)(B)(ii);

(6) In a community in which, according to the decennial census immediately preceding the commencement of the field practicum, at least 20 percent of the households were not proficient in the English language;

(7) On tribal land;

(8) A facility of a government agency or health care center that primarily provides services in a community where tribal members commonly reside; or

(9) In a county whose population is less than 100,000.

4. Any remaining balance of the appropriations made by subsections 1 and 2 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2027, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

Sec. 18. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

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