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3365 and meets the program eligibility guidelines of the department.

3366 Section 45. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
3367 section 1002.32, Florida Statutes, to read:

3368 1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.—

3369 (3) MISSION.—The mission of a lab school shall be the
3370 provision of a vehicle for the conduct of research,
3371 demonstration, and evaluation regarding management, teaching,
3372 and learning. Programs to achieve the mission of a lab school
3373 shall embody the goals and standards established pursuant to ss.
3374 1000.03(5) and 1001.23(1) and shall ensure an appropriate
3375 education for its students.

3376 (f) Each lab school shall develop programs that accelerate
3377 the entry of enrolled lab school students into articulated
3378 health care programs at its affiliated university or at any
3379 public or private postsecondary institution, with the approval
3380 of the university president. Each lab school shall offer
3381 technical assistance to any Florida school district seeking to
3382 replicate the lab school's programs and must annually, beginning
3383 December 1, 2025, report to the President of the Senate and the
3384 Speaker of the House of Representatives on the development of
3385 such programs and their results.

3386 Section 46. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
3387 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3388 1009.8962 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE)
3389 Fund.—

3390 (3) As used in this section, the term:

3391 (b) "Institution" means a school district career center
3392 under s. 1001.44;~~;~~ a charter technical career center under s.
3393 1002.34;~~;~~ a Florida College System institution;~~;~~ a state

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3394 university; ~~or~~ an independent nonprofit college or university
3395 located and chartered in this state and accredited by an agency
3396 or association that is recognized by the database created and
3397 maintained by the United States Department of Education to grant
3398 baccalaureate degrees; or an independent school, college, or
3399 university with an accredited program as defined in s. 464.003
3400 which is located in this state and licensed by the Commission
3401 for Independent Education pursuant to s. 1005.31, which has a
3402 nursing education program that meets or exceeds the following:

3403 1. For a certified nursing assistant program, a completion
3404 rate of at least 70 percent for the prior year.

3405 2. For a licensed practical nurse, associate of science in
3406 nursing, and bachelor of science in nursing program, a first-
3407 time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of
3408 Nursing Licensing Examination of at least 75 ~~70~~ percent for the
3409 prior year based on a minimum of 10 testing participants.

3410 Section 47. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section
3411 381.4018, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3412 381.4018 Physician workforce assessment and development.—

3413 (3) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The department shall maximize the
3414 use of existing programs under the jurisdiction of the
3415 department and other state agencies and coordinate governmental
3416 and nongovernmental stakeholders and resources in order to
3417 develop a state strategic plan and assess the implementation of
3418 such strategic plan. In developing the state strategic plan, the
3419 department shall:

3420 (f) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state
3421 programs that provide for the use of incentives to attract
3422 physicians to this state or retain physicians within the state.

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3423 Such strategies should explore and maximize federal-state
3424 partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice
3425 in federally designated shortage areas, in otherwise medically
3426 underserved areas, or in rural areas. Strategies shall also
3427 consider the use of state programs, such as the Medical
3428 Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program pursuant to
3429 s. 381.402 ~~s. 1009.65~~, which provide for education loan
3430 repayment or loan forgiveness and provide monetary incentives
3431 for physicians to relocate to underserved areas of the state.

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3433 The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection,
3434 including rules that establish guidelines to implement the
3435 federal Conrad 30 Waiver Program created under s. 214(1) of the
3436 Immigration and Nationality Act.

3437 Section 48. Subsection (3) of section 395.602, Florida
3438 Statutes, is amended to read:

3439 395.602 Rural hospitals.—

3440 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—It is the intent of the Legislature that
3441 funds as appropriated shall be utilized by the department for
3442 the purpose of increasing the number of primary care physicians,
3443 physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, nurse
3444 practitioners, and nurses in rural areas, either through the
3445 Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program as
3446 defined by s. 381.402 ~~s. 1009.65~~ or through a federal loan
3447 repayment program which requires state matching funds. The
3448 department may use funds appropriated for the Medical Education
3449 Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program as matching funds for
3450 federal loan repayment programs for health care personnel, such
3451 as that authorized in Pub. L. No. 100-177, s. 203. If the

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551 certificate, and nondegree programs and the performance of
 552 students and programs pursuant to subsection (8).

553 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section
 554 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

555 1009.8962 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE)
 556 Fund.—

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558 (b) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded
 559 grant funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to
 560 the Board of Governors or Department of Education, as
 561 applicable, that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the
 562 proposal and the use of funds. At minimum, the report must
 563 include, by program level, the number of additional nursing
 564 education students enrolled; if scholarships were awarded using
 565 grant funds, the number of students who received scholarships
 566 and the average award amount; and the outcomes of students as
 567 reported by the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help
 568 pursuant to s. 14.36(3)(1) ~~Florida Talent Development Council~~
 569 ~~pursuant to s. 1004.015(6)~~.

570 Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.