

1 AN ACT relating to nurses employed by the Kentucky Department of Veterans  
2 Affairs.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 40 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 6 *(1) The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs shall create a loan repayment*  
7 *program for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses within their employ.*
- 8 *(2) The loan repayment program shall apply to any existing student loan incurred by*  
9 *the employee as a result of that employee's academic or technical studies leading*  
10 *to becoming a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.*
- 11 *(3) The loan repayment program shall not apply to loans previously repaid.*
- 12 *(4) Recipients of the loan repayment program shall sign a contract stipulating:*
- 13 *(a) The recipient's existing student loan debt shall be repaid up to twenty-five*  
14 *percent (25%) of the loan's principal and interest up to a maximum of ten*  
15 *thousand dollars (\$10,000) after satisfactory completion of one (1) year of*  
16 *employment at the state veterans' nursing home assigned;*
- 17 *(b) The recipient's student loan shall be repaid up to twenty-five percent (25%)*  
18 *of the loan's principal and interest up to a maximum of ten thousand*  
19 *dollars (\$10,000) after satisfactory completion of a second consecutive full*  
20 *year of employment at the state veterans' nursing home assigned;*
- 21 *(c) The recipient's student loan shall be repaid up to twenty-five percent (25%)*  
22 *of the loan's principal and interest up to a maximum of ten thousand*  
23 *dollars (\$10,000) after satisfactory completion of a third consecutive full*  
24 *year of employment at the state veterans' nursing home assigned;*
- 25 *(d) The recipient's student loan shall be repaid up to twenty-five percent (25%)*  
26 *of the loan's principal and interest up to a maximum of ten thousand*  
27 *dollars (\$10,000) after satisfactory completion of a fourth consecutive full*

- 1                   year of employment at the state veterans' nursing home assigned; and  
2                   (e) The total amount paid by the loan repayment program shall not exceed forty  
3                   thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a maximum of four (4) consecutive full years  
4                   of employment per person.
- 5                   (5) The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority shall administer this  
6                   program from funds provided by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs as  
7                   funds are available.
- 8                   (6) The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and the Kentucky  
9                   Department of Veterans Affairs shall promulgate administrative regulations  
10                  necessary for the effectuation of this Section including limits on the amount of  
11                  any loan that will be repaid.

12                  ➔Section 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.