SB26

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By Senator Weaver

RFD: Healthcare

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Enrolled, An Act,

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§34-21-98

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

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

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

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

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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