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<u>Proposed law</u> creates the Expanding Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Fund (Fund) within the state treasury. Monies in the Fund shall be appropriated by the legislature and used solely to provide grant funding pursuant to <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes the Expanding Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Program (Program) within the Department of Economic Development (DED). The Program shall be administered by DED.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the grant funding for collaborations between health care employers and post-secondary education institutions to expand the capacity of the state to recruit, educate, and train nursing and allied health professionals.

Proposed law provides for definitions relative to the Program.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the Expanding Health Care Workforce Commission (Commission) which shall review and approve applications for receipt of grant funding to the Program.

Proposed law provides that the Commission shall be comprised of the following:

- (1) Three members of the House of Representatives (HOR) appointed by the speaker of the HOR representing the first, third, and fifth congressional districts.
- (2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate representing the second, fourth, and sixth congressional districts.
- (3) A Senate member and a HOR member shall serve as co-chairmen.

Proposed law provides that a quorum of the Commission shall be four members.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the employees of the Senate, the HOR, and the Legislative Fiscal Office shall staff and assist the Commission as requested.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the DED shall review the applications submitted and submit the eligible applications to the corporation. The corporation shall rate the applications as provided for in proposed law.

Proposed law provides the DED shall publish guidance for the administration of the program.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires DED to post a copy of the guidance and information on the Program on their website.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that primary applicants to be granted funding shall be La. licensed health care facilities.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that each grant recipient shall provide cash or in-kind funding for the costs of application. The Commission may waive this requirement.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires DED to submit an annual summary of approved grants to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the La. DED Corporation shall serve as the single review board for all financial assistance, loans, incentives or inducements, customized workforce training, investment programs, and any related appropriations, grants, or joint ventures administered by the DED, excluding those financial incentive programs administered by the State Board of Commerce and Industry.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Corporation shall formulate and implement the policies for the delivery of services.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the Program.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 51:2201-2202 and 2312(A)(11))