

## HR 4001

### Nursing Education Opportunities Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness. (Jan 15, 2008)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 15, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 30, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2230	Identical bill	<b>Oct 25, 2007:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S13441-13443)

## Summary (as of Oct 30, 2007)

Nursing Education Opportunities Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to include accelerated degree nursing students who pursue a second baccalaureate degree or a master's degree as an entry level nursing degree as eligible for financial assistance through nursing programs in the Act, including the Nursing Student Loan Program. Raises the yearly loan amounts available to all nursing students through that Program. Modifies the definition of "collegiate school of nursing" to include accelerated nursing degree programs.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in the case of a nurse faculty shortage, to obligate more than 10% of traineeships for individuals in doctoral degree programs.

Directs the Secretary to award grants to: (1) eligible entities to establish doctoral nursing degree programs, giving priority to such entities located in states in which there are no such programs; and (2) partnerships of eligible entities to establish doctoral nursing consortia to enhance and expand the availability of doctoral nurse faculty and education by enabling the partners to share doctoral faculty and programmatic resources.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary to award grants to partnerships composed of an accredited nursing school at an institution of higher education and a hospital or health facility to establish up to five pilot projects to enable such hospital or facility to retain its staff of experienced nurses while providing a mechanism to have these individuals become, through an accelerated nursing education program, faculty members of an accredited nursing school.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 15, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 30, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.