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and meets the program eligibility guidelines of the department.

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

1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.—
(3) MISSION.—The mission of a lab school shall be the
provision of a vehicle for the conduct of research,
demonstration, and evaluation regarding management, teaching,
and learning. Programs to achieve the mission of a lab school
shall embody the goals and standards established pursuant to ss.
1000.03(5) and 1001.23(1) and shall ensure an appropriate
education for its students.

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

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

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

(b) “Institution” means a school district career center
under s. 1001.44, a charter technical career center under s.
1002.34, a Florida College System institution, a state
university or an independent nonprofit college or university located and chartered in this state and accredited by an agency or association that is recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education to grant baccalaureate degrees or an independent school, college, or university with an accredited program as defined in s. 464.003 which is located in this state and licensed by the Commission for Independent Education pursuant to s. 1005.31, which has a nursing education program that meets or exceeds the following:

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

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

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

381.4018 Physician workforce assessment and development.—

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

(f) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state programs that provide for the use of incentives to attract physicians to this state or retain physicians within the state.
Such strategies should explore and maximize federal-state partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice in federally designated shortage areas, in otherwise medically underserved areas, or in rural areas. Strategies shall also consider the use of state programs, such as the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program pursuant to s. 381.402 s. 1009.65, which provide for education loan repayment or loan forgiveness and provide monetary incentives for physicians to relocate to underserved areas of the state.

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

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

395.602 Rural hospitals.—

(3) USE OF FUNDS.—It is the intent of the Legislature that funds as appropriated shall be utilized by the department for the purpose of increasing the number of primary care physicians, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and nurses in rural areas, either through the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program as defined by s. 381.402 s. 1009.65 or through a federal loan repayment program which requires state matching funds. The department may use funds appropriated for the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program as matching funds for federal loan repayment programs for health care personnel, such as that authorized in Pub. L. No. 100-177, s. 203. If the
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certificate, and nondegree programs and the performance of
students and programs pursuant to subsection (8).

Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section
1009.8962, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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(b) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded
grant funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to
the Board of Governors or Department of Education, as
applicable, that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the
proposal and the use of funds. At minimum, the report must
include, by program level, the number of additional nursing
education students enrolled; if scholarships were awarded using
grant funds, the number of students who received scholarships
and the average award amount; and the outcomes of students as
reported by the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help
pursuant to s. 14.36(3)(1) Florida Talent Development Council
pursuant to s. 1004.015(6).

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