

1 EACH ELIGIBLE SCHOOL NURSE TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF CERTIFICATION BY
2 THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL NURSES. SUCH SUM MAY
3 INCLUDE THE DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE ELIGIBLE NURS-
4 ES' SPONSORING SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE TOTAL GRANT AWARD TO COVER THE
5 COST OF HIRING A SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL NURSE FOR UP TO THREE DAYS OR THE
6 DURATION OF SUCH ELIGIBLE NURSE'S APPROVED LEAVE, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

7 4. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMULGATING ANY REGU-
8 LATIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, INCLUD-
9 ING:

10 (A) ESTABLISHING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AN APPLICATION FORM AND FILING
11 DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS TO BE UTILIZED BY ELIGIBLE SCHOOL NURSES APPLYING
12 FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD FOR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL
13 NURSE GRANT PROGRAM;

14 (B) ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR PROCESSING AND APPROVING APPLICATIONS
15 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT;

16 (C) ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM TO ALLOCATE GRANT AWARDS TO APPROVED
17 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL NURSES; AND

18 (D) ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM TO REIMBURSE SPONSORING SCHOOL DISTRICTS
19 FOR UP TO THREE DAYS OF APPROVED LEAVE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION THREE
20 OF THIS SECTION.

21 5. AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL NURSE FOR WHOM THE STATE PAYS A PARTICIPATION
22 FEE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR REPAYMENT OF THE GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT IF SUCH
23 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL NURSE:

24 (A) DOES NOT COMPLETE THE PROCESS; OR

25 (B) COMPLETES THE PROCESS, BUT DOES NOT WORK IN A NEW YORK STATE
26 PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR AT LEAST ONE FULL YEAR AFTER ACHIEVING NATIONAL BOARD
27 CERTIFICATION.

28 6. REPAYMENT OF THE GRANT IS NOT REQUIRED:

29 (A) IF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETED OR IF THE ELIGIBLE
30 SCHOOL NURSE FAILS TO WORK FOR ONE FULL YEAR AFTER COMPLETION DUE TO HIS
31 OR HER DEATH OR DISABILITY OR SOME OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AS
32 MAY BE RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS; OR

33 (B) IF THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL NURSE COMPLETES THE PROCESS BUT DOES NOT
34 ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION.

35 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.