STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 12, 2022

Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to nursing residency programs in hospitals and nursing homes

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2801-j to read as follows:

§ 2801-j. Nursing residency program in hospitals and nursing homes. 1. Each general hospital and nursing home licensed pursuant to the provisions of this article may partner with a post-secondary institution within the state to create a proposal for the development and implementation or improvement and continuation of a nursing residency program. Such proposals shall be subject to approval by the department.

2. The purpose of such nursing residency programs shall be to assist recent graduates transition to specialty practice areas as well as assist experienced nurses in transitioning to a different specialty practice area.

3. The department shall, in collaboration with the state education department, determine if the proposals submitted appropriately incorporate an evidence-based curriculum designed to decrease turnover, improve decision-making skills, enhance clinical nursing leadership practices, promote the use of research-based evidence into practice and accomplish any other goals as determined by the commissioner.

4. If the commissioner determines the proposals submitted satisfy the purpose and criteria detailed in subdivisions two and three of this section, the commissioner may release funds to the general hospital or nursing home which submitted the plan to offset the costs of developing and implementing the nursing residency program.

5. The corporation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, and may promulgate emergency regulations, necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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