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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GRADUATE NURSING PRACTICE AND NURSE EDUCATOR STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE DOCTORAL NURSING PROGRAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GRADUATE NURSING PRACTICE AND NURSE EDUCATOR STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE DOCTORAL NURSING PROGRAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1201(6), concerning the definition of "master's or doctoral nursing education program" for the purposes of graduate nursing practice and nurse educator student loans and scholarships, is amended to read as follows:

(6) “Master’s or doctoral nursing education program” means an Arkansas nursing education program located in an Arkansas public or private institution of higher education that has a master’s or doctoral nursing program accredited by a recognized national nursing accreditation organization or a doctor of philosophy in nursing program accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1203(a)(2), concerning the eligibility for rural advanced nursing practice and nurse educator loans, is amended to
read as follows:

(2) The applicant has been accepted for admission to or is enrolled in good standing in an accredited master's or doctoral nursing program or doctor of philosophy in nursing program in the state leading to a graduate degree in nursing;

/s/Hammer

APPROVED: 03/30/2017