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Nursing Summit Legislative Update

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# Maine's Nursing Legislators



Representative Anne Perry

Democratic House Member from Calais

Serving her 6th Term in the House

Member of the Health & Human Services Committee

Retired Nurse Practitioner



# Maine's Nursing Legislators



- ▶ Representative Michelle Meyer
- ▶ Democratic House Member from Eliot
- ▶ First Term
- ▶ Serves on the Health & Human Services Committee
- ▶ RN

# 129th Legislature

- ▶ In addition to the nurse legislators, we also have 5 physician legislators
- ▶ Over 2000 Bill Titles Submitted
- ▶ Governor Mills Priorities include addressing Maine's Opioid Crisis, Expanding MaineCare Insurance Coverage, Accessing Federal Funding Opportunities for Maine
- ▶ DHHS Commissioner Lambrew- Committed to rebuilding Maine CDC and Maine's public health nursing program
- ▶ With a democratic majority in the House and Senate, every committee has a democratic House and Senate chair.

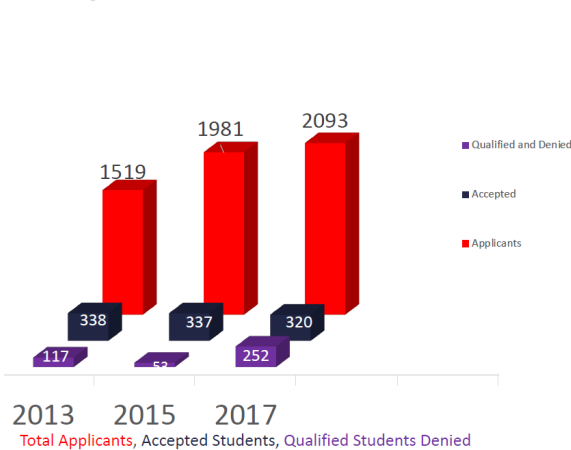
# Background on Maine's Nursing Workforce Shortage

- ▶ Maine is on a trajectory to have a shortage of 2700 RN's by 2025
- ▶ Nursing education programs in Maine increased the number of graduates from 650 in 2015 to 800 in 2018
- ▶ Maine needs to graduate 1050 new license eligible RN's every year to offset the projected shortage
- ▶ Faculty are among the oldest nurses in Maine, 24% of faculty are over the age of 60
- ▶ Today 9 nursing programs report 13 faculty vacancies, 39 faculty are expected to leave in the next 5 years

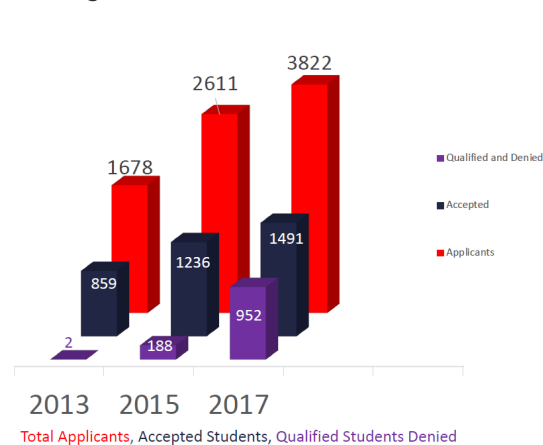
# Nursing Education Challenge

- ▶ Applications and enrolment in nursing education programs continues to increase
- ▶ Programs turn away hundreds of qualified applicants due to faculty capacity challenges

AS Programs in Maine 2013-2017



BS Programs in Maine 2013-2017



# Maine Nurse Education Loan Repayment Program

- ▶ In 2005 the Legislature created the Nurse Education Loan Repayment Program, the program was never funded
- ▶ The program resides with the Finance Authority of Maine
- ▶ FAME will promulgate rules to implement the program once funding is received
- ▶ The program repays loans for masters prepared (\$4500) nurses and doctoral prepared nurses (\$6000) that agree to teach for a minimum of 3 years in Maine.



# An Act to Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs



## 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

Legislative Document

No. 799

H.P. 587

House of Representatives, February 12, 2019

#### An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

*Robert B. Hunt*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot, Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: FAY of Raymond, HYMANSON of York, PERRY of Calais, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CARSON of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.



# Changes included in the bill

- ▶ Increased loan repayment amounts
  - ▶ \$30,000 for a Masters Degree in Nursing
  - ▶ \$60,000 for a Doctoral Degree in Nursing
- ▶ Commitment to teach for 5 years full time in a Maine nursing education program
- ▶ \$1 Million in Funding

# How you can help

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Government Oversight Committee Meeting

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GOC Public Comment Period - Information Brief on Frontline Workers in the State Child Protective System

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Precloture Department and Agency Bills

01.08 | ROS  
Preliminary Lists of Working Titles

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Revenue Forecasting Committee December 2018 Report

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Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16, the general effective date for nonemergency laws passed in the Second Special Session of the 128th Legislature was **Thursday, December 13, 2018**.

The [Event Calendar](#) has current scheduling information. [Live Audio](#) from committees and other meetings at the State House is available.

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Thank You!

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