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# ***SUPPORT***

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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 58,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, supports this legislation.

Nearly thirty percent, or 69,000, of the 237,000 registered nurses licensed in New York State are choosing not to practice their profession. The simple fact is that nurses are leaving the field at a faster rate than new nurses are entering. The result is a nursing shortage that threatens the delivery of quality health care in the state.

This legislation would address a critical component of the equation to end the shortage – nurse education. This act authorizes the Department of Labor to provide funding to schools of nursing, educational institutions, and health care providers specifically targeted at enhancing the state's capacity to prepare future generations of nurses.

For these reasons, the Public Employees Federation urges you to support this legislation.

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