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Michael Royster, M.D. Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Regulations for the Nurse Educator Scholarship

12 VAC 5-545 et seq.

Dear Dr. Royster:

I have reviewed the regulations for the Nurse Educator Scholarship program to be contained in 12 VAC 5-545 *et seq*. These regulations do not conflict with other federal or state statutes or regulations and do not violate the United States or Virginia Constitutions.

The Board of Health has the authority to promulgate the regulations under the Budget Bill, 2010 Va. Acts ch. 874, item 280. The regulations are consistent with the Board's mandate, and the Board will not exceed its statutory authority by approving these regulations. Having satisfied all legal requirements, you may proceed to take the necessary steps to promulgate these regulations in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.

. Very truly yours,

Robin V. Kurz Special Counsel