

PART II. DATA BEARING ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM

9. *Economic effects*

This program reimburses diploma schools of nursing for a portion of the cost of training students whose enrollment can be reasonably attributed to the provisions of the Nurse Training Act of 1964.

Since the diploma schools are located in all of the States, the dollar impact will be felt throughout the United States.

Since the effect of this program will be to increase the supply of nurses and nursing service, the productivity of the general work force should be increased. The availability of increased nursing service should shorten the time employees will be absent from work due to injury or illness to themselves or family members for whom they would have to give care at home in the absence of an adequate nurse supply.

Since payments to the schools are in direct recognition of the administrative burden imposed by the increased enrollment, these payments should result in ability to hire additional staff or add equipment within hospitals.

Since employment in the field of nursing has been declining in the last few years from 4 percent of 17-year-old girls to about 3.6 percent, this program with its incentive to the diploma schools to increase enrollment should restore and hold the nurse supply at approximately 4 percent of 17-year-old girls.

Since enrollments should increase in all diploma schools throughout the United States, the monetary benefit to the schools and the stability effect on the economy due to increased employment should be felt in every State.

One hundred and ninety programs in 42 States including Puerto Rico received payment to diploma schools during fiscal year 1965.

10. *Economic classification of program expenditures.* (See table 2.)

Program: Partial reimbursement to diploma schools for costs attributable to Nurse Training Act.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Public Health Service—Bureau of State Services (Community Health).

TABLE 2.—*Economic classification of program expenditures for fiscal year 1965*

[In thousands of dollars]

Federal Government: ^{1 2}	
Grants to State and local governments.....	682
Transfer payments to nonprofit organizations.....	106
Total Federal expenditures.....	788

¹ Expenditures here refer to obligations.

² Grants are made to diploma schools to help them defray some of the additional costs resulting from additional enrollment of students attending with student loans and to promote further development of those schools.

IMPROVEMENT OF NURSE TRAINING

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1: *Objectives*

The Nurse Training Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-581) authorizes a program of project grants to enable public and nonprofit private diploma, collegiate, and associate degree schools of nursing which are