

**OPINION
57-137**

December 28, 1957 (OPINION)

NURSING

RE: Scholarships - Total Amount That May Be Expended

This is in reply to your letter of December 26, 1957, requesting an opinion of this office in regard to nursing scholarships under chapter 283 of the 1955 Session Laws.

You inform us that the executive secretary of the committee has requested information as to whether or not any monies collected should be deposited in the scholarship account and thus establish a revolving fund assuring the scholarship committee a continuous use of the appropriations made by the 1955 and 1957 Legislatures.

We find no provision in chapter 283 of the 1955 Session Laws providing for the establishment of a revolving fund for the payment of scholarships. The original appropriation, section 8 of said chapter 283, provides:

"There is hereby appropriated out of the equalization fund the sum of twenty six thousand dollars or whatever portion may be necessary for the purpose of paying nursing preparation scholarships in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, for the administration of this Act not to exceed one thousand dollars."

The appropriation made by the 1957 Legislature by chapter 63 of the 1957 Session Laws is in substantially the same language. Under the terms of either appropriation, the total amount that can be expended for nursing scholarships is twenty-five thousand dollars, without regard to repayments that may be made.

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