

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to nursing education programs;  
 amending s. 464.003, F.S.; revising definitions;  
 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 464.013,  
 F.S.; exempting nurses who are certified by an  
 accredited program from continuing education  
 requirements; amending s. 464.019, F.S.; specifying  
 the location of clinical training; revising the  
 limitation on the percentage of clinical training that  
 may consist of clinical simulation; deleting obsolete  
 requirements; authorizing the Board of Nursing to  
 adopt certain rules relating to documenting the  
 accreditation of nursing education programs; revising  
 the terms of an implementation study; requiring  
 nursing education programs that prepare students for  
 the practice of professional nursing to be accredited;  
 providing an exception; amending s. 456.014, F.S.;  
 conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective  
 date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (10), (19), and (23) of section  
 464.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

464.003 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(10) "Clinical training" means direct nursing care

27 | experiences with patients or clients, or clinical simulation of  
 28 | such experiences, which offer the student the opportunity to  
 29 | integrate, apply, and refine specific skills and abilities based  
 30 | on theoretical concepts and scientific principles.

31 | (19) "Practice of practical nursing" means the performance  
 32 | of selected acts, including the administration of treatments and  
 33 | medications, in the care of the ill, injured, or infirm; ~~and~~ the  
 34 | promotion of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of  
 35 | illness of others under the direction of a registered nurse, a  
 36 | licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed  
 37 | podiatric physician, or a licensed dentist; and the teaching of  
 38 | general principles of health and wellness to the public and to  
 39 | students other than nursing students. A practical nurse is  
 40 | responsible and accountable for making decisions that are based  
 41 | upon the individual's educational preparation and experience in  
 42 | nursing.

43 | (23) "Required passage rate" means the graduate passage  
 44 | rate required for an approved program pursuant to s.  
 45 | 464.019(5)(a) ~~464.019(6)(a)~~1.

46 | Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 464.013, Florida  
 47 | Statutes, is amended to read:

48 | 464.013 Renewal of license or certificate.—

49 | (3) The board shall by rule prescribe up to 30 hours of  
 50 | continuing education ~~not to exceed 30 hours~~ biennially as a  
 51 | condition for renewal of a license or certificate. A nurse who  
 52 | is certified by a health care specialty program accredited by

53 the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or the  
54 Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification is  
55 exempt from continuing education requirements. The criteria for  
56 programs shall be approved by the board.

57 Section 3. Section 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended  
58 to read:

59 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

60 (1) PROGRAM APPLICATION APPLICATIONS.—An educational  
61 institution that wishes to conduct a program in this state for  
62 the prelicensure education of professional or practical nurses  
63 must submit to the department a program application and review  
64 fee of \$1,000 for each prelicensure nursing education program to  
65 be offered at the institution's main campus, branch campus, or  
66 other instructional site. The ~~Each~~ program application must  
67 include the legal name of the educational institution, the legal  
68 name of the nursing education program, and, if such institution  
69 ~~program~~ is accredited by ~~an accrediting agency other than an~~  
70 ~~accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1)~~, the name of the  
71 accrediting agency. The application must also document that:

72 (a)1. For a professional nursing education program, the  
73 program director and at least 50 percent of the program's  
74 faculty members are registered nurses who have a master's or  
75 higher degree in nursing or a bachelor's degree in nursing and a  
76 master's or higher degree in a field related to nursing.

77 2. For a practical nursing education program, the program  
78 director and at least 50 percent of the program's faculty

79 members are registered nurses who have a bachelor's or higher  
80 degree in nursing.

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82 The educational degree requirements of this paragraph may be  
83 documented by an official transcript or by a written statement  
84 from the educational institution verifying that the institution  
85 conferred the degree.

86 (b) The program's nursing major curriculum consists of at  
87 least:

88 1. Fifty percent clinical training in the United States,  
89 the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the  
90 United States for a practical nursing education program, an  
91 associate degree professional nursing education program, or a  
92 professional diploma nursing education program.

93 2. Forty percent clinical training in the United States,  
94 the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the  
95 United States for a bachelor's degree professional nursing  
96 education program.

97 (c) No more than 50 ~~25~~ percent of the program's clinical  
98 training consists of clinical simulation.

99 (d) The program has signed agreements with each agency,  
100 facility, and organization included in the curriculum plan as  
101 clinical training sites and community-based clinical experience  
102 sites.

103 (e) The program has written policies for faculty which  
104 include provisions for direct or indirect supervision by program

105 faculty or clinical preceptors for students in clinical training  
106 consistent with the following standards:

107 1. The number of program faculty members equals at least  
108 one faculty member directly supervising every 12 students unless  
109 the written agreement between the program and the agency,  
110 facility, or organization providing clinical training sites  
111 allows more students, not to exceed 18 students, to be directly  
112 supervised by one program faculty member.

113 2. For a hospital setting, indirect supervision may occur  
114 only if there is direct supervision by an assigned clinical  
115 preceptor, a supervising program faculty member is available by  
116 telephone, and such arrangement is approved by the clinical  
117 facility.

118 3. For community-based clinical experiences that involve  
119 student participation in invasive or complex nursing activities,  
120 students must be directly supervised by a program faculty member  
121 or clinical preceptor and such arrangement must be approved by  
122 the community-based clinical facility.

123 4. For community-based clinical experiences not subject to  
124 subparagraph 3., indirect supervision may occur only when a  
125 supervising program faculty member is available to the student  
126 by telephone.

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128 A program's policies established under this paragraph must  
129 require that a clinical preceptor who is, ~~if~~ supervising  
130 students in a professional nursing education program, ~~to~~ be a

131 registered nurse or, if supervising students in a practical  
 132 nursing education program, ~~to~~ be a registered nurse or licensed  
 133 practical nurse.

134 (f) The professional or practical nursing curriculum plan  
 135 documents clinical experience and theoretical instruction in  
 136 medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric nursing.  
 137 A professional nursing curriculum plan shall also document  
 138 clinical experience and theoretical instruction in psychiatric  
 139 nursing. Each curriculum plan must document clinical training  
 140 experience in appropriate settings that include, but are not  
 141 limited to, acute care, long-term care, and community settings.

142 (g) The professional or practical nursing education  
 143 program provides theoretical instruction and clinical  
 144 application in personal, family, and community health concepts;  
 145 nutrition; human growth and development throughout the life  
 146 span; body structure and function; interpersonal relationship  
 147 skills; mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration  
 148 of medications; and legal aspects of practice. A professional  
 149 nursing education program must ~~shall~~ also provide theoretical  
 150 instruction and clinical application in interpersonal  
 151 relationships and leadership skills; professional role and  
 152 function; and health teaching and counseling skills.

153 (2) PROGRAM APPROVAL.—

154 (a) Upon receipt of a program application and review fee,  
 155 the department shall examine the application to determine if  
 156 ~~whether~~ it is complete. If the ~~a~~ program application is not

157 complete, the department shall notify the educational  
 158 institution in writing of any errors or omissions within 30 days  
 159 after the department's receipt of the application. A program  
 160 application is deemed complete upon the department's receipt of:

161 1. The initial application, if the department does not  
 162 notify the educational institution of any errors or omissions  
 163 within the 30-day period; or

164 2. A revised application that corrects each error and  
 165 omission of which the department notifies the educational  
 166 institution within the 30-day period.

167 (b) Within 90 days after the department's receipt of a  
 168 complete program application, the board shall:

169 1. Approve the application if it documents compliance with  
 170 subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~; or

171 2. Provide the educational institution with a notice of  
 172 intent to deny the application if it does not document  
 173 compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~. The notice  
 174 must specify ~~set forth~~ written reasons for the board's denial of  
 175 the application. The board may not deny a program application  
 176 because of an educational institution's failure to correct an  
 177 any error or omission that ~~of which~~ the department failed to  
 178 provide notice of to ~~does not notify~~ the institution within the  
 179 30-day notice period under paragraph (a). The educational  
 180 institution may request a hearing on the notice of intent to  
 181 deny the program application pursuant to chapter 120.

182 (c) A program application is deemed approved if the board

183 does not act within the 90-day review period provided under  
 184 paragraph (b).

185 (d) Upon the board's approval of a program application,  
 186 the program becomes an approved program.

187 ~~(3) STATUS OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS. A professional or~~  
 188 ~~practical nursing education program becomes an approved program~~  
 189 ~~if, as of June 30, 2009, the program:~~

190 ~~(a) Has full or provisional approval from the board or,~~  
 191 ~~except as provided in paragraph (b), is on probationary status.~~

192 ~~(b) Is on probationary status because the program did not~~  
 193 ~~meet the board's requirement for graduate passage rates. Such~~  
 194 ~~program shall remain on probationary status until it achieves a~~  
 195 ~~graduate passage rate for calendar year 2009 or 2010 that equals~~  
 196 ~~or exceeds the required passage rate for the respective calendar~~  
 197 ~~year and must disclose its probationary status in writing to the~~  
 198 ~~program's students and applicants. If the program does not~~  
 199 ~~achieve the required passage rate, the board shall terminate the~~  
 200 ~~program pursuant to chapter 120.~~

201 (3)(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—By November 1 of each year, each  
 202 approved program shall submit to the board an annual report  
 203 comprised of an affidavit certifying continued compliance with  
 204 subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)–(g)~~, a summary description of  
 205 the program's compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)–~~  
 206 ~~(g)~~, and documentation for the previous academic year that, to  
 207 the extent applicable, describes ~~sets forth~~:

208 (a) The number of student applications received, qualified

209 applicants, applicants accepted, accepted applicants who enroll  
 210 in the program, students enrolled in the program, and program  
 211 graduates.

212 (b) The program's retention rates for students tracked  
 213 from program entry to graduation.

214 (c) The program's accreditation status, including  
 215 identification of the accrediting agency ~~if such agency is not~~  
 216 ~~an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1).~~

217 (4) ~~(5)~~ INTERNET WEBSITE. ~~By October 1, 2010,~~ The board  
 218 shall publish the following information on its Internet website:

219 (a) A list of each accredited program conducted in the  
 220 state and the program's graduate passage rates for the most  
 221 recent 2 calendar years, which the department shall determine  
 222 through the following sources:

223 1. For a program's accreditation status, the specialized  
 224 accrediting agencies that are nationally recognized by the  
 225 United States Secretary of Education to accredit nursing  
 226 education programs.

227 2. For a program's graduate passage rates, the contract  
 228 testing service of the National Council of State Boards of  
 229 Nursing.

230 (b) The following data for each approved program, which  
 231 includes ~~shall include~~, to the extent applicable:

232 1. All documentation provided by the program in its  
 233 program application if submitted on or after July 1, 2009.

234 2. The summary description of the program's compliance

235 submitted under subsection (3) ~~(4)~~.

236 3. The program's accreditation status, including  
 237 identification of the accrediting agency ~~if such agency is not~~  
 238 ~~an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1)~~.

239 4. The program's probationary status.

240 5. The program's graduate passage rates for the most  
 241 recent 2 calendar years.

242 6. Each program's retention rates for students tracked  
 243 from program entry to graduation.

244 (c) The average passage rates for United States educated  
 245 first-time test takers on the National Council of State Boards  
 246 of Nursing Licensing Examination for the most recent 2 calendar  
 247 years, as calculated by the contract testing service of the  
 248 National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The average passage  
 249 rates shall be published separately for each type of comparable  
 250 degree program listed in subparagraph (5) (a)1. ~~sub-subparagraphs~~  
 251 ~~(6) (a)1.a.-d.~~

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 253 The information required to be published under this subsection  
 254 shall be made available in a manner that allows interactive  
 255 searches and comparisons of individual programs selected by the  
 256 website user. The board shall update the Internet website at  
 257 least quarterly with the available information.

258 (5)~~(6)~~ ACCOUNTABILITY.—

259 (a)1. An approved program must achieve a graduate passage  
 260 rate that is not more ~~lower~~ than 10 percentage points lower ~~less~~

261 than the average passage rate during the same calendar year for  
 262 graduates of comparable degree programs who are United States  
 263 educated, first-time test takers on the National Council of  
 264 State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination ~~during a calendar~~  
 265 ~~year~~, as calculated by the contract testing service of the  
 266 National Council of State Boards of Nursing. For purposes of  
 267 this subparagraph, an approved program is comparable to all  
 268 degree programs of the same program type from among the  
 269 following program types:

- 270 a. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
- 271 in a bachelor's degree.
- 272 b. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
- 273 in an associate degree.
- 274 c. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
- 275 in a diploma.
- 276 d. Practical nursing education programs.

277 2. Beginning with graduate passage rates for calendar year  
 278 2010, if an approved program's graduate passage rates do not  
 279 equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive  
 280 calendar years, the board shall place the program on  
 281 probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program  
 282 director shall ~~must~~ appear before the board to present a plan  
 283 for remediation. The program must ~~shall~~ remain on probationary  
 284 status until it achieves a graduate passage rate that equals or  
 285 exceeds the required passage rate for any 1 calendar year. The  
 286 board shall deny a program application for a new prelicensure

287 nursing education program submitted by an educational  
 288 institution if the institution has an existing program that is  
 289 already on probationary status.

290 3. Upon the program's achievement of a graduate passage  
 291 rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate, the  
 292 board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following release  
 293 of the program's graduate passage rate by the National Council  
 294 of State Boards of Nursing, shall remove the program's  
 295 probationary status. However, if the program, during the 2  
 296 calendar years following its placement on probationary status,  
 297 does not achieve the required passage rate for any 1 calendar  
 298 year, the board shall terminate the program pursuant to chapter  
 299 120.

300 (b) If an approved program fails to submit the annual  
 301 report required in subsection (3) ~~(4)~~, the board shall notify  
 302 the program director and president or chief executive officer of  
 303 the educational institution in writing within 15 days after the  
 304 due date of the annual report. The program director shall ~~must~~  
 305 appear before the board at the board's next regularly scheduled  
 306 meeting to explain the reason for the delay. The board shall  
 307 terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120 if it does not  
 308 submit the annual report within 6 months after the due date.

309 (c) An approved program on probationary status shall  
 310 disclose its probationary status in writing to the program's  
 311 students and applicants.

312 (6) ~~(7)~~ DISCLOSURE OF GRADUATE PASSAGE RATE DATA.—

313 (a) For each graduate of the program ~~an approved program's~~  
314 ~~or accredited program's graduates~~ included in the calculation of  
315 the program's graduate passage rate, the department shall  
316 disclose to the program director, upon his or her written  
317 request, the name, examination date, and determination of  
318 whether each graduate passed or failed the National Council of  
319 ~~for~~ State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination, if to the  
320 ~~extent that~~ such information is provided to the department by  
321 the contract testing service of the National Council of for  
322 State Boards of Nursing. The written request must specify the  
323 calendar years for which the information is requested.

324 (b) A program director to whom confidential information  
325 exempt from public disclosure pursuant to s. 456.014 is  
326 disclosed under this subsection must maintain the  
327 confidentiality of the information and is subject to the same  
328 penalties provided in s. 456.082 for department employees who  
329 unlawfully disclose confidential information.

330 (7)~~(8)~~ PROGRAM CLOSURE.—

331 (a) An educational institution conducting an approved  
332 program or accredited program in this state, at least 30 days  
333 before voluntarily closing the program, shall notify the board  
334 in writing of the institution's reason for closing the program,  
335 the intended closure date, the institution's plan to provide for  
336 or assist in the completion of training by the program's  
337 students, and the arrangements for storage of the program's  
338 permanent records.

339 (b) An educational institution conducting a nursing  
 340 education program that is terminated under subsection (5) ~~(6)~~ or  
 341 closed under subparagraph (9)(b)3. ~~(10)(b)3.:~~

- 342 1. May not accept or enroll new students.
- 343 2. Shall ~~Must~~ submit to the board within 30 days after the  
 344 program is terminated or closed a written description of how the  
 345 institution will assist in completing the ~~completion~~ of training  
 346 of ~~by~~ the program's students and the institution's arrangements  
 347 for storage of the program's permanent records.

348 (c) If an educational institution does not comply with  
 349 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), the board shall provide a  
 350 written notice explaining the institution's noncompliance to the  
 351 following persons and entities:

- 352 1. The president or chief executive officer of the  
 353 educational institution.
- 354 2. The Board of Governors, if the program is conducted by  
 355 a state university.
- 356 3. The district school board, if the program is conducted  
 357 by an educational institution operated by a school district.
- 358 4. The Commission for Independent Education, if the  
 359 program is conducted by an educational institution licensed  
 360 under chapter 1005.
- 361 5. The State Board of Education, if the program is  
 362 conducted by an educational institution in the Florida College  
 363 System or by an educational institution that is not subject to  
 364 subparagraphs 2.-4.

365        ~~(8)(9)~~ RULEMAKING.—The board does not have ~~any~~ rulemaking  
 366 authority to administer this section, except that the board  
 367 shall adopt rules ~~a rule~~ that prescribe ~~prescribes~~ the format  
 368 for submitting program applications under subsection (1) and  
 369 annual reports under subsection (3), and to administer the  
 370 documentation of the accreditation of nursing education programs  
 371 under subsection (11) ~~(4)~~. The board may not impose any  
 372 condition or requirement on an educational institution  
 373 submitting a program application, an approved program, or an  
 374 accredited program, except as expressly provided in this  
 375 section. ~~The board shall repeal all rules, or portions thereof,~~  
 376 ~~in existence on July 1, 2009, that are inconsistent with this~~  
 377 ~~subsection.~~

378        ~~(9)(10)~~ APPLICABILITY TO ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—

379        (a) Subsections (1)-(3) ~~(1)-(4)~~, paragraph (4)(b) ~~(5)(b)~~,  
 380 and subsection (5) ~~(6)~~ do not apply to an accredited program. ~~An~~  
 381 ~~accredited program on probationary status before July 1, 2010,~~  
 382 ~~ceases to be subject to the probationary status.~~

383        (b) If an accredited program ceases to be accredited, the  
 384 educational institution conducting the program:

385            1. Within 10 business days after the program ceases to be  
 386 accredited, must provide written notice of the date that the  
 387 program ceased to be accredited to the board, the program's  
 388 students and applicants, and each entity providing clinical  
 389 training sites or community-based clinical experience sites for  
 390 the program. The educational institution must continue to

391 provide the written notice to new students, applicants, and  
392 entities providing clinical training sites or community-based  
393 clinical experience sites for the program until the program  
394 becomes an approved program or is closed under subparagraph 3.

395 2. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be  
396 accredited, must submit an affidavit to the board, signed by the  
397 educational institution's president or chief executive officer  
398 which, ~~that~~ certifies the institution's compliance with  
399 subparagraph 1. The board shall notify the persons and  
400 applicable entities listed in paragraph (7)(c) ~~subparagraph~~  
401 ~~(8)(c)1.~~ and ~~the applicable entities listed in subparagraphs~~  
402 ~~(8)(c)2.-5.~~ if an educational institution does not submit the  
403 affidavit required by this subparagraph.

404 3. May apply to become an approved program under this  
405 section. If the educational institution:

406 a. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be  
407 accredited, submits a program application and review fee to the  
408 department under subsection (1) and the affidavit required under  
409 subparagraph 2., the program shall be deemed an approved program  
410 from the date that the program ceased to be accredited until the  
411 date that the board approves or denies the program application.  
412 The program application must be denied by the board pursuant to  
413 chapter 120 if it does not contain the affidavit. If the board  
414 denies the program application under subsection (2) or if  
415 ~~because~~ the program application does not contain the affidavit,  
416 the program shall be closed and the educational institution

417 conducting the program must comply with paragraph (7)(b) ~~(8)(b)~~.

418       b. Does not apply to become an approved program pursuant  
419 to sub-subparagraph a., the program shall be deemed an approved  
420 program from the date ~~that~~ the program ceased to be accredited  
421 until the 31st day after that date. On the 31st day after the  
422 program ceased to be accredited, the program shall be closed and  
423 the educational institution conducting the program must comply  
424 with paragraph (7)(b) ~~(8)(b)~~.

425       (10) ~~(11)~~ IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for  
426 Nursing and the education policy area of the Office of Program  
427 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall study the ~~5-~~  
428 ~~year~~ administration of this section and submit reports to the  
429 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
430 House of Representatives annually by January 30, ~~2011,~~ and  
431 ~~annually thereafter~~ through January 30, 2020 ~~2015~~. The annual  
432 reports shall address the previous academic year; provide ~~set~~  
433 ~~forth~~ data on the measures specified in paragraphs (a) and (b),  
434 as such data becomes available; and include an evaluation of  
435 such data for purposes of determining whether this section is  
436 increasing the availability of nursing education programs and  
437 the production of quality nurses. The department and each  
438 approved program or accredited program shall comply with  
439 requests for data from the Florida Center for Nursing and the  
440 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis  
441 and Government Accountability.

442       (a) The education policy area of the Office of Program

443 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall evaluate  
 444 program-specific data for each approved program and accredited  
 445 program conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:

446 1. The number of programs and student slots available.

447 2. The number of student applications submitted, the  
 448 number of qualified applicants, and the number of students  
 449 accepted.

450 3. The number of program graduates.

451 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from  
 452 program entry to graduation.

453 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State  
 454 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

455 6. The number of graduates who become employed as  
 456 practical or professional nurses in the state.

457 (b) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate the  
 458 board's implementation of the:

459 1. Program application approval process, including, but  
 460 not limited to, the number of program applications submitted  
 461 under subsection (1); the number of program applications  
 462 approved and denied by the board under subsection (2); the  
 463 number of denials of program applications reviewed under chapter  
 464 120; and a description of the outcomes of those reviews.

465 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited  
 466 to, the number of programs on probationary status, the number of  
 467 approved programs for which the program director is required to  
 468 appear before the board under subsection (5) ~~(6)~~, the number of

469 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of  
470 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of  
471 the outcomes of those reviews.

472 (c) For any state fiscal year in which the Florida Center  
473 for Nursing does not receive legislative appropriations, the  
474 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis  
475 and Government Accountability shall perform the duties assigned  
476 by this subsection to the Florida Center for Nursing.

477 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—

478 (a) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
479 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under  
480 this section before July 1, 2014, and that enrolled students  
481 before July 1, 2014, must become an accredited program by July  
482 1, 2019.

483 (b) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
484 the practice of professional nursing and that was approved under  
485 this section before July 1, 2014, but did not enroll students  
486 before that date, must become an accredited program within 5  
487 years after the date of enrolling the program's first students.

488 (c) A nursing education program that prepares students for  
489 the practice of professional nursing and that is approved under  
490 this section after June 30, 2014, must become an accredited  
491 program within 5 years after the date of enrolling the program's  
492 first students.

493 (d) This subsection does not apply to a nursing education  
494 program provided by an institution that is exempt from licensure

495 by the Commission for Independent Education under s.  
 496 1005.06(1)(e).

497 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 456.014, Florida  
 498 Statutes, is amended to read:

499 456.014 Public inspection of information required from  
 500 applicants; exceptions; examination hearing.—

501 (1) All information required by the department of any  
 502 applicant shall be a public record and shall be open to public  
 503 inspection pursuant to s. 119.07, except financial information,  
 504 medical information, school transcripts, examination questions,  
 505 answers, papers, grades, and grading keys, which are  
 506 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall not be  
 507 discussed with or made accessible to anyone except the program  
 508 director of an approved program or accredited program as  
 509 provided in s. 464.019(6) ~~464.019(7)~~, members of the board, the  
 510 department, and staff thereof, who have a bona fide need to know  
 511 such information. Any information supplied to the department by  
 512 any other agency which is exempt from the provisions of chapter  
 513 119 or is confidential shall remain exempt or confidential  
 514 pursuant to applicable law while in the custody of the  
 515 department or the agency.

516 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.