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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
(Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 363 and 364

insert:

Section 7. Subsection (10) of section 464.019, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

(10) IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for Nursing
shall study the administration of this section and submit
reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the



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11 Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by January 30,
12 through January 30, 2025 ~~2020~~. The annual reports shall address
13 the previous academic year; provide data on the measures
14 specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), as such data becomes
15 available; and include an evaluation of such data for purposes
16 of determining whether this section is increasing the
17 availability of nursing education programs and the production of
18 quality nurses. The department and each approved program or
19 accredited program shall comply with requests for data from the
20 Florida Center for Nursing.

21 (a) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate program-
22 specific data for each approved program and accredited program
23 conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:

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

25 2. The number of student applications submitted, the number
26 of qualified applicants, and the number of students accepted.

27 3. The number of program graduates.

28 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from program
29 entry to graduation.

30 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State
31 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

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

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

36 1. Program application approval process, including, but not
37 limited to, the number of program applications submitted under
38 subsection (1); the number of program applications approved and
39 denied by the board under subsection (2); the number of denials



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40 of program applications reviewed under chapter 120; and a
41 description of the outcomes of those reviews.

42 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited to,
43 the number of programs on probationary status, the number of
44 approved programs for which the program director is required to
45 appear before the board under subsection (5), the number of
46 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of
47 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of
48 the outcomes of those reviews.

49 (c) The Florida Center for Nursing shall complete an annual
50 assessment of compliance by programs with the accreditation
51 requirements of subsection (11), include in the assessment a
52 determination of the accreditation process status for each
53 program, and submit the assessment as part of the reports
54 required by this subsection.

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57 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 Delete line 22

60 and insert:

61 assistants; amending s. 464.019, F.S.; extending
62 through 2025 the Florida Center for Nursing's
63 responsibility to study and issue an annual report on
64 the implementation of nursing education programs;
65 amending s. 464.202, F.S.; requiring the