

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Center for
3 Nursing; amending s. 464.0195, F.S.;
4 authorizing the Board of Nursing to impose an
5 additional nursing license and renewal fee to
6 fund the center; providing for deposit of fee
7 revenues in the Florida Center for Nursing
8 Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 464.0195, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 464.0195 Florida Center for Nursing; goals.--

15 (1) There is established the Florida Center for
16 Nursing to address issues of supply and demand for nursing,
17 including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of
18 nurse workforce resources. The Legislature finds that the
19 center will repay the state's investment by providing an
20 ongoing strategy for the allocation of the state's resources
21 directed towards nursing.

22 (2) The primary goals for the center shall be to:

23 (a)~~(1)~~ Develop a strategic statewide plan for nursing
24 manpower in this state by:

25 1.~~(a)~~ Establishing and maintaining a database on
26 nursing supply and demand in the state, to include current
27 supply and demand, and future projections; and

28 2.~~(b)~~ Selecting from the plan priorities to be
29 addressed.

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1 ~~(b)(2)~~ Convene various groups representative of
2 nurses, other health care providers, business and industry,
3 consumers, legislators, and educators to:

4 ~~1.(a)~~ Review and comment on data analysis prepared for
5 the center;

6 ~~2.(b)~~ Recommend systemic changes, including strategies
7 for implementation of recommended changes; and

8 ~~3.(c)~~ Evaluate and report the results of these efforts
9 to the Legislature and others.

10 ~~(c)(3)~~ Enhance and promote recognition, reward, and
11 renewal activities for nurses in the state by:

12 ~~1.(a)~~ Promoting nursing excellence programs such as
13 magnet recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing
14 Center;

15 ~~2.(b)~~ Proposing and creating additional reward,
16 recognition, and renewal activities for nurses; and

17 ~~3.(c)~~ Promoting media and positive image-building
18 efforts for nursing.

19 (3) The Board of Nursing is authorized to impose a \$5
20 fee upon each nursing license and biennial nursing license
21 renewal, in addition to the license fees imposed under ss.
22 464.008 and 464.009. Revenues collected from this additional
23 license fee shall be deposited in the Florida Center for
24 Nursing Trust Fund and shall be used solely to support and
25 maintain the goals and functions of the center.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Authorizes the Board of Nursing to impose an additional \$5 fee upon nursing licenses and renewals to fund the Florida Center for Nursing. Provides for deposit of such fees in the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund.