

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and  
Senator Silver

317-1935-02

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 collect  
5           additional revenues that are voluntarily paid  
6           by nurses upon licensure and licensure renewal  
7           to fund the center; providing for deposit of  
8           fee revenues in the Florida Center for Nursing  
9           Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

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

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

15           464.0195 Florida Center for Nursing; goals.--

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

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

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

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

29           2.~~(b)~~ Selecting from the plan priorities to be  
30 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 shall include on its initial  
20 and renewal application forms a question asking the nurse to  
21 voluntarily contribute to funding the Florida Center for  
22 Nursing in addition to paying the fees imposed at the time of  
23 licensure and licensure renewal. Revenues collected from  
24 nurses over and above the required fees shall be deposited in  
25 the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund and shall be used  
26 solely to support and maintain the goals and functions of the  
27 center.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 1808

The bill requires the Board of Nursing to include on its initial and renewal application forms a question on whether the nurse would voluntarily contribute to the Florida Center for Nursing, in addition to the license fees imposed for initial licensure applicants. The bill no longer authorizes the Board of Nursing to impose a \$ 5 fee upon each nursing license and biennial nursing license renewal, in addition to the license fees imposed for initial licensure applicants.