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Senator Dawson moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 149, between lines 20 and 21,

insert:

Section 74. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall, for the period beginning August 1, 2003, and ending February 28, 2004, conduct an onsite survey of a representative sample of state-licensed hospitals. The agency shall report the number of licensed nurse full-time equivalents per patient and the mix of licensed nurse full-time equivalents per patient, by hospital unit, for the following types of hospitals and units:

- (1) Academic medical centers;
- (2) Public acute care hospitals;
- (3) Nonprofit private hospitals;
- (4) For-profit hospitals;
- (5) Rural hospitals;
- (6) Critical care units;
- (7) Emergency rooms;

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- 1 (8) Medical units;
- 2 (9) Medical-surgical units;
- 3 (10) Labor and delivery units;
- 4 (11) Mother and baby units;
- 5 (12) Telemetry units;
- 6 (13) Pediatric units;
- 7 (14) Pediatric intensive care units;
- 8 (15) Psychiatric units; and
- 9 (16) Subacute units.

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11 The survey must be conducted to produce statistically reliable
 12 results during all shifts, and must be designed to ensure
 13 sufficient sampling by hospital type and by unit. Each
 14 state-licensed hospital shall cooperate in completing the
 15 survey. Hospitals shall allow surveyors direct access to
 16 hospital units and to all staff and data as may be necessary
 17 to gather and verify reliable data.

18 Section 75. The Agency for Health Care Administration
 19 shall develop a measure of direct-care-licensed-nursing hours
 20 per patient and incorporate this measure in its
 21 data-collection activities. Researchers and policymakers shall
 22 use such collected data to study the links, if any, between
 23 the level and mix of licensed nurse staff, patient lengths of
 24 stay, and patient outcomes.

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26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 16, line 18, after the semicolon,

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1 insert:
2 directing the Agency for Health Care
3 Administration to conduct an onsite survey of
4 state-licensed hospitals to report the number
5 of licensed nurse full-time equivalents per
6 patient; requiring that access to staff and
7 data be allowed in order to facilitate
8 gathering and verification of data; directing
9 the Agency for Health Care Administration to
10 measure direct-care nursing hours per patient;

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