

By Senator Rich

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Center for Nursing;  
3           amending s. 464.0195, F.S.; imposing a fee upon each  
4           nurse at initial licensure and licensure renewal to  
5           fund the Florida Center for Nursing; providing for  
6           transfer and use of the collected fees; providing an  
7           effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 464.0195, Florida  
12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           464.0195 Florida Center for Nursing; goals; licensure fee.-

14           (3) In addition to the fees required for nursing licensure,  
15 a fee of \$5 shall be imposed and collected from each nurse at  
16 the time of initial licensure and licensure renewal to fund the  
17 Florida Center for Nursing. The Board of Nursing shall also  
18 include on its initial and renewal application forms a question  
19 asking each nurse to voluntarily contribute additional ~~to~~  
20 funding to the Florida center beyond the required for Nursing in  
21 addition to paying the fees imposed at the time of licensure and  
22 licensure renewal. Revenues collected from the \$5 fee and from  
23 voluntary contributions collected from nurses beyond ~~over and~~  
24 ~~above~~ the required fees shall be transferred from the Medical  
25 Quality Assurance Trust Fund to the Grants and Donations Trust  
26 Fund within the Department of Health and shall be used solely to  
27 support and maintain the goals and functions of the center.  
28 Before giving a nurse the opportunity to contribute to funding  
29 the center at the time of licensure renewal, the Board of

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30 Nursing shall provide the nurse with a summary of the center's  
31 work, a link to the center's Internet website, and the following  
32 statement: "The Florida Center for Nursing's operating revenues  
33 are derived in part from your donation. In order for the Florida  
34 Center for Nursing to continue its work on behalf of nurses,  
35 please donate."

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.