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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to nursing education programs;
3 amending s. 464.003, F.S.; revising definitions;
4 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 464.008,
5 F.S.; requiring graduates of approved prelicensure
6 nursing education programs who do not take the
7 licensure examination within a specified period after
8 graduation to complete a specified course; authorizing
9 the board to adopt rules; amending s. 464.013, F.S.;
10 exempting nurses who are certified by an accredited
11 program from continuing education requirements;
12 amending s. 464.019, F.S.; specifying the location of
13 clinical training; revising the limitation on the
14 percentage of clinical training that may consist of
15 clinical simulation; revising calculation of the
16 required graduate passage rate for approved programs;
17 requiring an approved program to require graduates who
18 do not take the licensure examination within a
19 specified period after graduation to complete a
20 specified course; providing additional requirements
21 for a remediation plan; authorizing the board to
22 extend probationary status for a program that has
23 demonstrated adequate progress toward its graduate
24 passage rate goal; providing for the recalculation of
25 passage rates when students are transferred from a
26 terminated program; deleting obsolete requirements;
27 authorizing the Board of Nursing to adopt certain
28 rules relating to documenting the accreditation of
29 nursing education programs; revising the terms of an

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30 implementation study; requiring nursing education
31 programs that prepare students for the practice of
32 professional nursing to be accredited; providing an
33 exception; amending s. 456.014, F.S.; conforming a
34 cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

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38 Section 1. Subsections (10), (19), and (23) of section
39 464.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

40 464.003 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

41 (10) "Clinical training" means direct nursing care
42 experiences with patients or clients, or clinical simulation of
43 such experiences, which offer the student the opportunity to
44 integrate, apply, and refine specific skills and abilities based
45 on theoretical concepts and scientific principles.

46 (19) "Practice of practical nursing" means the performance
47 of selected acts, including the administration of treatments and
48 medications, in the care of the ill, injured, or infirm; ~~and~~ the
49 promotion of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of
50 illness of others under the direction of a registered nurse, a
51 licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed
52 podiatric physician, or a licensed dentist; and the teaching of
53 general principles of health and wellness to the public and to
54 students other than nursing students. A practical nurse is
55 responsible and accountable for making decisions that are based
56 upon the individual's educational preparation and experience in
57 nursing.

58 (23) "Required passage rate" means the graduate passage

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59 rate required for an approved program pursuant to s.
60 464.019(5) (a) ~~464.019(6) (a)~~1.

61 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 464.008,
62 Florida Statutes, to read:

63 464.008 Licensure by examination.—

64 (4) If an applicant who graduates from an approved program
65 does not take the licensure examination within 6 months after
66 graduation, he or she must enroll in and successfully complete a
67 board-approved licensure examination preparatory course. The
68 applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the
69 course and may not use state or federal financial aid for such
70 costs. The board shall by rule establish guidelines for
71 licensure examination preparatory courses.

72 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 464.013, Florida
73 Statutes, is amended to read:

74 464.013 Renewal of license or certificate.—

75 (3) The board shall by rule prescribe up to 30 hours of
76 continuing education not to exceed 30 hours biennially as a
77 condition for renewal of a license or certificate. A nurse who
78 is certified by a health care specialty program accredited by
79 the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or the
80 Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification is
81 exempt from continuing education requirements. The criteria for
82 programs shall be approved by the board.

83 Section 4. Section 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to
84 read:

85 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

86 (1) PROGRAM APPLICATION APPLICATIONS.—An educational
87 institution that wishes to conduct a program in this state for

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88 the prelicensure education of professional or practical nurses
89 must submit to the department a program application and review
90 fee of \$1,000 for each prelicensure nursing education program to
91 be offered at the institution's main campus, branch campus, or
92 other instructional site. The ~~Each~~ program application must
93 include the legal name of the educational institution, the legal
94 name of the nursing education program, and, if such institution
95 ~~program~~ is accredited by an accrediting agency other than an
96 ~~accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1)~~, the name of the
97 accrediting agency. The application must also document that:

98 (a)1. For a professional nursing education program, the
99 program director and at least 50 percent of the program's
100 faculty members are registered nurses who have a master's or
101 higher degree in nursing or a bachelor's degree in nursing and a
102 master's or higher degree in a field related to nursing.

103 2. For a practical nursing education program, the program
104 director and at least 50 percent of the program's faculty
105 members are registered nurses who have a bachelor's or higher
106 degree in nursing.

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108 The educational degree requirements of this paragraph may be
109 documented by an official transcript or by a written statement
110 from the educational institution verifying that the institution
111 conferred the degree.

112 (b) The program's nursing major curriculum consists of at
113 least:

114 1. Fifty percent clinical training in the United States,
115 the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the
116 United States for a practical nursing education program, an

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117 associate degree professional nursing education program, or a
118 professional diploma nursing education program.

119 2. Forty percent clinical training in the United States,
120 the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the
121 United States for a bachelor's degree professional nursing
122 education program.

123 (c) No more than 50 ~~25~~ percent of the program's clinical
124 training consists of clinical simulation.

125 (d) The program has signed agreements with each agency,
126 facility, and organization included in the curriculum plan as
127 clinical training sites and community-based clinical experience
128 sites.

129 (e) The program has written policies for faculty which
130 include provisions for direct or indirect supervision by program
131 faculty or clinical preceptors for students in clinical training
132 consistent with the following standards:

133 1. The number of program faculty members equals at least
134 one faculty member directly supervising every 12 students unless
135 the written agreement between the program and the agency,
136 facility, or organization providing clinical training sites
137 allows more students, not to exceed 18 students, to be directly
138 supervised by one program faculty member.

139 2. For a hospital setting, indirect supervision may occur
140 only if there is direct supervision by an assigned clinical
141 preceptor, a supervising program faculty member is available by
142 telephone, and such arrangement is approved by the clinical
143 facility.

144 3. For community-based clinical experiences that involve
145 student participation in invasive or complex nursing activities,

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146 students must be directly supervised by a program faculty member
147 or clinical preceptor and such arrangement must be approved by
148 the community-based clinical facility.

149 4. For community-based clinical experiences not subject to
150 subparagraph 3., indirect supervision may occur only when a
151 supervising program faculty member is available to the student
152 by telephone.

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154 A program's policies established under this paragraph must
155 require that a clinical preceptor who is, ~~if~~ supervising
156 students in a professional nursing education program, ~~to~~ be a
157 registered nurse or, if supervising students in a practical
158 nursing education program, ~~to~~ be a registered nurse or licensed
159 practical nurse.

160 (f) The professional or practical nursing curriculum plan
161 documents clinical experience and theoretical instruction in
162 medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric nursing.
163 A professional nursing curriculum plan shall also document
164 clinical experience and theoretical instruction in psychiatric
165 nursing. Each curriculum plan must document clinical training
166 experience in appropriate settings that include, but are not
167 limited to, acute care, long-term care, and community settings.

168 (g) The professional or practical nursing education program
169 provides theoretical instruction and clinical application in
170 personal, family, and community health concepts; nutrition;
171 human growth and development throughout the life span; body
172 structure and function; interpersonal relationship skills;
173 mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration of
174 medications; and legal aspects of practice. A professional

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175 nursing education program must ~~shall~~ also provide theoretical
176 instruction and clinical application in interpersonal
177 relationships and leadership skills; professional role and
178 function; and health teaching and counseling skills.

179 (2) PROGRAM APPROVAL.—

180 (a) Upon receipt of a program application and review fee,
181 the department shall examine the application to determine if
182 ~~whether~~ it is complete. If the ~~a~~ program application is not
183 complete, the department shall notify the educational
184 institution in writing of any errors or omissions within 30 days
185 after the department's receipt of the application. A program
186 application is deemed complete upon the department's receipt of:

187 1. The initial application, if the department does not
188 notify the educational institution of any errors or omissions
189 within the 30-day period; or

190 2. A revised application that corrects each error and
191 omission of which the department notifies the educational
192 institution within the 30-day period.

193 (b) Within 90 days after the department's receipt of a
194 complete program application, the board shall:

195 1. Approve the application if it documents compliance with
196 subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~; or

197 2. Provide the educational institution with a notice of
198 intent to deny the application if it does not document
199 compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~. The notice
200 must specify ~~set forth~~ written reasons for the board's denial of
201 the application. The board may not deny a program application
202 because of an educational institution's failure to correct an
203 ~~any~~ error or omission that ~~of which~~ the department failed to

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204 provide notice of to ~~does not notify~~ the institution within the
205 30-day notice period under paragraph (a). The educational
206 institution may request a hearing on the notice of intent to
207 deny the program application pursuant to chapter 120.

208 (c) A program application is deemed approved if the board
209 does not act within the 90-day review period provided under
210 paragraph (b).

211 (d) Upon the board's approval of a program application, the
212 program becomes an approved program.

213 ~~(3) STATUS OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS. A professional or practical~~
214 ~~nursing education program becomes an approved program if, as of~~
215 ~~June 30, 2009, the program:~~

216 ~~(a) Has full or provisional approval from the board or,~~
217 ~~except as provided in paragraph (b), is on probationary status.~~

218 ~~(b) Is on probationary status because the program did not~~
219 ~~meet the board's requirement for graduate passage rates. Such~~
220 ~~program shall remain on probationary status until it achieves a~~
221 ~~graduate passage rate for calendar year 2009 or 2010 that equals~~
222 ~~or exceeds the required passage rate for the respective calendar~~
223 ~~year and must disclose its probationary status in writing to the~~
224 ~~program's students and applicants. If the program does not~~
225 ~~achieve the required passage rate, the board shall terminate the~~
226 ~~program pursuant to chapter 120.~~

227 (3)~~(4)~~ ANNUAL REPORT.—By November 1 of each year, each
228 approved program shall submit to the board an annual report
229 comprised of an affidavit certifying continued compliance with
230 subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-(g)~~, a summary description of
231 the program's compliance with subsection (1) ~~paragraphs (1)(a)-~~
232 ~~(g)~~, and documentation for the previous academic year that, to

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233 the extent applicable, describes ~~sets forth~~:

234 (a) The number of student applications received, qualified
235 applicants, applicants accepted, accepted applicants who enroll
236 in the program, students enrolled in the program, and program
237 graduates.

238 (b) The program's retention rates for students tracked from
239 program entry to graduation.

240 (c) The program's accreditation status, including
241 identification of the accrediting agency ~~if such agency is not~~
242 ~~an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1)~~.

243 (4) ~~(5)~~ INTERNET WEBSITE. ~~By October 1, 2010,~~ The board
244 shall publish the following information on its Internet website:

245 (a) A list of each accredited program conducted in the
246 state and the program's graduate passage rates for the most
247 recent 2 calendar years, which the department shall determine
248 through the following sources:

249 1. For a program's accreditation status, the specialized
250 accrediting agencies that are nationally recognized by the
251 United States Secretary of Education to accredit nursing
252 education programs.

253 2. For a program's graduate passage rates, the contract
254 testing service of the National Council of State Boards of
255 Nursing.

256 (b) The following data for each approved program, which
257 includes ~~shall include~~, to the extent applicable:

258 1. All documentation provided by the program in its program
259 application if submitted on or after July 1, 2009.

260 2. The summary description of the program's compliance
261 submitted under subsection (3) ~~(4)~~.

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262 3. The program's accreditation status, including
263 identification of the accrediting agency ~~if such agency is not~~
264 ~~an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1).~~

265 4. The program's probationary status.

266 5. The program's graduate passage rates for the most recent
267 2 calendar years.

268 6. Each program's retention rates for students tracked from
269 program entry to graduation.

270 (c) The average passage rates for United States educated
271 first-time test takers on the National Council of State Boards
272 of Nursing Licensing Examination for the most recent 2 calendar
273 years, as calculated by the contract testing service of the
274 National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The average passage
275 rates shall be published separately for each type of comparable
276 degree program listed in subparagraph (5) (a) 1. ~~sub-subparagraphs~~
277 ~~(6) (a) 1.a.-d.~~

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279 The information required to be published under this subsection
280 shall be made available in a manner that allows interactive
281 searches and comparisons of individual programs selected by the
282 website user. The board shall update the Internet website at
283 least quarterly with the available information.

284 (5) ~~(6)~~ ACCOUNTABILITY.—

285 (a)1. An approved program must achieve a graduate passage
286 rate for first-time test takers who take the licensure
287 examination within 6 months after graduation from the program
288 that is not more ~~lower~~ than 10 percentage points lower ~~less~~ than
289 the average passage rate during the same calendar year for
290 graduates of comparable degree programs who are United States

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291 educated, first-time test takers on the National Council of
292 State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination ~~during a calendar~~
293 ~~year~~, as calculated by the contract testing service of the
294 National Council of State Boards of Nursing. An approved program
295 shall require a graduate from the program who does not take the
296 licensure examination within 6 months after graduation to enroll
297 in and successfully complete a licensure examination preparatory
298 course pursuant to s. 464.008. For purposes of this
299 subparagraph, an approved program is comparable to all degree
300 programs of the same program type from among the following
301 program types:

302 a. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
303 in a bachelor's degree.

304 b. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
305 in an associate degree.

306 c. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
307 in a diploma.

308 d. Practical nursing education programs.

309 2. Beginning with graduate passage rates for calendar year
310 2010, if an approved program's graduate passage rates do not
311 equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive
312 calendar years, the board shall place the program on
313 probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program
314 director shall ~~must~~ appear before the board to present a plan
315 for remediation, which shall include specific benchmarks to
316 identify progress toward a graduate passage rate goal. The
317 program must ~~shall~~ remain on probationary status until it
318 achieves a graduate passage rate that equals or exceeds the
319 required passage rate for any 1 calendar year. The board shall

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320 deny a program application for a new prelicensure nursing
321 education program submitted by an educational institution if the
322 institution has an existing program that is already on
323 probationary status.

324 3. Upon the program's achievement of a graduate passage
325 rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate, the
326 board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following release
327 of the program's graduate passage rate by the National Council
328 of State Boards of Nursing, shall remove the program's
329 probationary status. ~~However,~~ If the program, during the 2
330 calendar years following its placement on probationary status,
331 does not achieve the required passage rate for any 1 calendar
332 year, the board shall terminate the program pursuant to chapter
333 120. However, the board may extend the program's probationary
334 status for 1 additional year if the program demonstrates
335 adequate progress toward the graduate passage rate goal by
336 meeting a majority of the benchmarks established in the
337 remediation plan.

338 (b) If an approved program fails to submit the annual
339 report required in subsection (3) ~~(4)~~, the board shall notify
340 the program director and president or chief executive officer of
341 the educational institution in writing within 15 days after the
342 due date of the annual report. The program director shall ~~must~~
343 appear before the board at the board's next regularly scheduled
344 meeting to explain the reason for the delay. The board shall
345 terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120 if it does not
346 submit the annual report within 6 months after the due date.

347 (c) An approved program on probationary status shall
348 disclose its probationary status in writing to the program's

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349 students and applicants.

350 (d) If students from a program that is terminated pursuant
351 to this subsection transfer to an approved or an accredited
352 program under the direction of the Commission for Independent
353 Education, the board shall recalculate the passage rates of the
354 programs receiving the transferring students, excluding the test
355 scores of those students transferring more than 12 credits.

356 (6) ~~(7)~~ DISCLOSURE OF GRADUATE PASSAGE RATE DATA.-

357 (a) For each graduate of the program ~~an approved program's~~
358 ~~or accredited program's graduates~~ included in the calculation of
359 the program's graduate passage rate, the department shall
360 disclose to the program director, upon his or her written
361 request, the name, examination date, and determination of
362 whether each graduate passed or failed the National Council of
363 ~~for~~ State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination, if to the
364 ~~extent that~~ such information is provided to the department by
365 the contract testing service of the National Council of for
366 State Boards of Nursing. The written request must specify the
367 calendar years for which the information is requested.

368 (b) A program director to whom confidential information
369 exempt from public disclosure pursuant to s. 456.014 is
370 disclosed under this subsection must maintain the
371 confidentiality of the information and is subject to the same
372 penalties provided in s. 456.082 for department employees who
373 unlawfully disclose confidential information.

374 (7) ~~(8)~~ PROGRAM CLOSURE.-

375 (a) An educational institution conducting an approved
376 program or accredited program in this state, at least 30 days
377 before voluntarily closing the program, shall notify the board

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378 in writing of the institution's reason for closing the program,
379 the intended closure date, the institution's plan to provide for
380 or assist in the completion of training by the program's
381 students, and the arrangements for storage of the program's
382 permanent records.

383 (b) An educational institution conducting a nursing
384 education program that is terminated under subsection (5) ~~(6)~~ or
385 closed under subparagraph (9)(b)3. ~~(10)(b)3.:~~

386 1. May not accept or enroll new students.

387 2. Shall ~~Must~~ submit to the board within 30 days after the
388 program is terminated or closed a written description of how the
389 institution will assist in completing the ~~completion of~~ training
390 of ~~by~~ the program's students and the institution's arrangements
391 for storage of the program's permanent records.

392 (c) If an educational institution does not comply with
393 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), the board shall provide a
394 written notice explaining the institution's noncompliance to the
395 following persons and entities:

396 1. The president or chief executive officer of the
397 educational institution.

398 2. The Board of Governors, if the program is conducted by a
399 state university.

400 3. The district school board, if the program is conducted
401 by an educational institution operated by a school district.

402 4. The Commission for Independent Education, if the program
403 is conducted by an educational institution licensed under
404 chapter 1005.

405 5. The State Board of Education, if the program is
406 conducted by an educational institution in the Florida College

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407 System or by an educational institution that is not subject to
408 subparagraphs 2.-4.

409 (8)~~(9)~~ RULEMAKING.—The board does not have any rulemaking
410 authority to administer this section, except that the board
411 shall adopt rules ~~a rule~~ that prescribe ~~prescribes~~ the format
412 for submitting program applications under subsection (1) and
413 annual reports under subsection (3), and to administer the
414 documentation of the accreditation of nursing education programs
415 under subsection (11) ~~(4)~~. The board may not impose any
416 condition or requirement on an educational institution
417 submitting a program application, an approved program, or an
418 accredited program, except as expressly provided in this
419 section. ~~The board shall repeal all rules, or portions thereof,~~
420 ~~in existence on July 1, 2009, that are inconsistent with this~~
421 ~~subsection.~~

422 (9)~~(10)~~ APPLICABILITY TO ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.—

423 (a) Subsections (1)-(3) ~~(1)-(4)~~, paragraph (4)(b) ~~(5)(b)~~,
424 and subsection (5) ~~(6)~~ do not apply to an accredited program. ~~An~~
425 ~~accredited program on probationary status before July 1, 2010,~~
426 ~~ceases to be subject to the probationary status.~~

427 (b) If an accredited program ceases to be accredited, the
428 educational institution conducting the program:

429 1. Within 10 business days after the program ceases to be
430 accredited, must provide written notice of the date that the
431 program ceased to be accredited to the board, the program's
432 students and applicants, and each entity providing clinical
433 training sites or community-based clinical experience sites for
434 the program. The educational institution must continue to
435 provide the written notice to new students, applicants, and

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436 entities providing clinical training sites or community-based
437 clinical experience sites for the program until the program
438 becomes an approved program or is closed under subparagraph 3.

439 2. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be
440 accredited, must submit an affidavit to the board, signed by the
441 educational institution's president or chief executive officer
442 which, ~~that~~ certifies the institution's compliance with
443 subparagraph 1. The board shall notify the persons and
444 applicable entities listed in paragraph (7) (c) ~~subparagraph~~
445 ~~(8) (c)1.~~ and ~~the applicable entities listed in subparagraphs~~
446 ~~(8) (c)2.-5.~~ if an educational institution does not submit the
447 affidavit required by this subparagraph.

448 3. May apply to become an approved program under this
449 section. If the educational institution:

450 a. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be
451 accredited, submits a program application and review fee to the
452 department under subsection (1) and the affidavit required under
453 subparagraph 2., the program shall be deemed an approved program
454 from the date that the program ceased to be accredited until the
455 date that the board approves or denies the program application.
456 The program application must be denied by the board pursuant to
457 chapter 120 if it does not contain the affidavit. If the board
458 denies the program application under subsection (2) or if
459 ~~because~~ the program application does not contain the affidavit,
460 the program shall be closed and the educational institution
461 conducting the program must comply with paragraph (7) (b) ~~(8) (b)~~.

462 b. Does not apply to become an approved program pursuant to
463 sub-subparagraph a., the program shall be deemed an approved
464 program from the date ~~that~~ the program ceased to be accredited

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465 until the 31st day after that date. On the 31st day after the
466 program ceased to be accredited, the program shall be closed and
467 the educational institution conducting the program must comply
468 with paragraph (7) (b) ~~(8) (b)~~.

469 (10) ~~(11)~~ IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for
470 Nursing and the education policy area of the Office of Program
471 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall study the ~~5-~~
472 ~~year~~ administration of this section and submit reports to the
473 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
474 House of Representatives annually by January 30, ~~2011,~~ and
475 ~~annually thereafter~~ through January 30, 2020 ~~2015~~. The annual
476 reports shall address the previous academic year; provide ~~set~~
477 ~~forth~~ data on the measures specified in paragraphs (a) and (b),
478 as such data becomes available; and include an evaluation of
479 such data for purposes of determining whether this section is
480 increasing the availability of nursing education programs and
481 the production of quality nurses. The department and each
482 approved program or accredited program shall comply with
483 requests for data from the Florida Center for Nursing and the
484 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis
485 and Government Accountability.

486 (a) The education policy area of the Office of Program
487 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall evaluate
488 program-specific data for each approved program and accredited
489 program conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:

- 490 1. The number of programs and student slots available.
- 491 2. The number of student applications submitted, the number
492 of qualified applicants, and the number of students accepted.
- 493 3. The number of program graduates.

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494 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from program
495 entry to graduation.

496 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State
497 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

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

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

502 1. Program application approval process, including, but not
503 limited to, the number of program applications submitted under
504 subsection (1); the number of program applications approved and
505 denied by the board under subsection (2); the number of denials
506 of program applications reviewed under chapter 120; and a
507 description of the outcomes of those reviews.

508 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited to,
509 the number of programs on probationary status, the number of
510 approved programs for which the program director is required to
511 appear before the board under subsection (5) ~~(6)~~, the number of
512 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of
513 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of
514 the outcomes of those reviews.

515 (c) For any state fiscal year in which the Florida Center
516 for Nursing does not receive legislative appropriations, the
517 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis
518 and Government Accountability shall perform the duties assigned
519 by this subsection to the Florida Center for Nursing.

520 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—

521 (a) A nursing education program that prepares students for
522 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under

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523 this section before July 1, 2014, and that enrolled students
524 before July 1, 2014, must become an accredited program by July
525 1, 2019.

526 (b) A nursing education program that prepares students for
527 the practice of professional nursing and that was approved under
528 this section before July 1, 2014, but did not enroll students
529 before that date, must become an accredited program within 5
530 years after the date of enrolling the program's first students.

531 (c) A nursing education program that prepares students for
532 the practice of professional nursing and that is approved under
533 this section after June 30, 2014, must become an accredited
534 program within 5 years after the date of enrolling the program's
535 first students.

536 (d) This subsection does not apply to a nursing education
537 program provided by an institution that is exempt from licensure
538 by the Commission for Independent Education under s.
539 1005.06(1)(e).

540 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 456.014, Florida
541 Statutes, is amended to read:

542 456.014 Public inspection of information required from
543 applicants; exceptions; examination hearing.—

544 (1) All information required by the department of any
545 applicant shall be a public record and shall be open to public
546 inspection pursuant to s. 119.07, except financial information,
547 medical information, school transcripts, examination questions,
548 answers, papers, grades, and grading keys, which are
549 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall not be
550 discussed with or made accessible to anyone except the program
551 director of an approved program or accredited program as

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552 provided in s. 464.019(6) ~~464.019(7)~~, members of the board, the
553 department, and staff thereof, who have a bona fide need to know
554 such information. Any information supplied to the department by
555 any other agency which is exempt from the provisions of chapter
556 119 or is confidential shall remain exempt or confidential
557 pursuant to applicable law while in the custody of the
558 department or the agency.

559 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.