

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;

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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
 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
 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
 84 to 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
 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
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,
 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
169 program provides theoretical instruction and clinical
170 application in personal, family, and community health concepts;
171 nutrition; human growth and development throughout the life
172 span; body structure and function; interpersonal relationship
173 skills; mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration
174 of medications; and legal aspects of practice. A professional
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
 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,
 212 the program becomes an approved program.

213 ~~(3) STATUS OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS. A professional or~~
 214 ~~practical nursing education program becomes an approved program~~
 215 ~~if, as of 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
 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
 239 from 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
 259 program 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)~~.

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
267 recent 2 calendar years.

268 6. Each program's retention rates for students tracked
269 from 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
 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
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
 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
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
399 a 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
403 program is conducted by an educational institution licensed
404 under chapter 1005.

405 5. The State Board of Education, if the program is
406 conducted by an educational institution in the Florida College
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
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
 463 to sub-subparagraph a., the program shall be deemed an approved
 464 program from the date ~~that~~ the program ceased to be accredited
 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
 492 number of qualified applicants, and the number of students
 493 accepted.
- 494 3. The number of program graduates.

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

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

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

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

503 1. Program application approval process, including, but
 504 not limited to, the number of program applications submitted
 505 under subsection (1); the number of program applications
 506 approved and denied by the board under subsection (2); the
 507 number of denials of program applications reviewed under chapter
 508 120; and a description of the outcomes of those reviews.

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

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

521 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—

522 (a) A nursing education program that prepares students for
 523 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under
 524 this section before July 1, 2014, and that enrolled students
 525 before July 1, 2014, must become an accredited program by July
 526 1, 2019.

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

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

537 (d) This subsection does not apply to a nursing education
 538 program provided by an institution that is exempt from licensure
 539 by the Commission for Independent Education under s.
 540 1005.06(1)(e).

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

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

545 (1) All information required by the department of any
 546 applicant shall be a public record and shall be open to public

547 inspection pursuant to s. 119.07, except financial information,
548 medical information, school transcripts, examination questions,
549 answers, papers, grades, and grading keys, which are
550 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall not be
551 discussed with or made accessible to anyone except the program
552 director of an approved program or accredited program as
553 provided in s. 464.019(6) ~~464.019(7)~~, members of the board, the
554 department, and staff thereof, who have a bona fide need to know
555 such information. Any information supplied to the department by
556 any other agency which is exempt from the provisions of chapter
557 119 or is confidential shall remain exempt or confidential
558 pursuant to applicable law while in the custody of the
559 department or the agency.

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