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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Soto moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 194 and 195

insert:

Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

(5) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

(a)1. An approved program must achieve a graduate passage
rate for first-time test takers who take the licensure
examination within 6 months after graduation from the program



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12 that is not more than 10 percentage points lower than the
13 average passage rate during the same calendar year for graduates
14 of comparable degree programs who are United States educated,
15 first-time test takers on the National Council of State Boards
16 of Nursing Licensing Examination, as calculated by the contract
17 testing service of the National Council of State Boards of
18 Nursing. An approved program shall require a graduate from the
19 program who does not take the licensure examination within 6
20 months after graduation to enroll in and successfully complete a
21 licensure examination preparatory course pursuant to s. 464.008.
22 For purposes of this paragraph ~~subparagraph~~, an approved program
23 is comparable to all degree programs of the same program type
24 from among the following program types:

25 a. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
26 in a bachelor's degree.

27 b. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
28 in an associate degree.

29 c. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
30 in a diploma.

31 d. Practical nursing education programs.

32 2. Beginning with graduate passage rates for calendar year
33 2010, if an approved program's graduate passage rates do not
34 equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive
35 calendar years, the board shall place the program on
36 probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program
37 director shall appear before the board to present a plan for
38 remediation, which shall include specific benchmarks to identify
39 progress toward a graduate passage rate goal. The program must
40 remain on probationary status until it achieves a graduate



41 passage rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate
42 for any 1 calendar year. The board shall deny a program
43 application for a new prelicensure nursing education program of
44 the same degree type submitted by an educational institution if
45 the institution has an existing program that is already on
46 probationary status.

47 3. Upon the program's achievement of a graduate passage
48 rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate, the
49 board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following release
50 of the program's graduate passage rate by the National Council
51 of State Boards of Nursing, shall remove the program's
52 probationary status. If the program, during the 2 calendar years
53 following its placement on probationary status, does not achieve
54 the required passage rate for any 1 calendar year, the board
55 shall terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120. However,
56 the board may extend the program's probationary status for 1
57 additional year if the program demonstrates adequate progress
58 toward the graduate passage rate goal by meeting a majority of
59 the benchmarks established in the remediation plan.

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

62 And the title is amended as follows:

63 Delete line 21

64 and insert:

65 administration to a specified patient; amending s.
66 464.019, F.S.; revising accountability provisions
67 applicable to approved programs for nursing education;
68 narrowing the circumstances under which the Board of
69 Nursing must deny a program application for a new



70 nursing education program from an institution that has
71 an existing program on probationary status; amending
72 s.