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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 288 and 289

insert:

Section 4. Section 486.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

486.102 Physical therapist assistant; licensing requirements.—To be eligible for licensing by the board as a physical therapist assistant, an applicant must:

- (1) Be at least 18 years old;
- (2) Be of good moral character; and



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12 (3) (a) Have been graduated from a school giving a course of
13 not less than 2 years for physical therapist assistants, which
14 has been approved for the educational preparation of physical
15 therapist assistants by the appropriate accrediting agency
16 recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary
17 Accreditation or the United States Department of Education, at
18 the time of her or his graduation and have passed to the
19 satisfaction of the board an examination to determine her or his
20 fitness for practice as a physical therapist assistant as
21 hereinafter provided;

22 (b) Have been graduated from a school giving a course for
23 physical therapist assistants in a foreign country and have
24 educational credentials deemed equivalent to those required for
25 the educational preparation of physical therapist assistants in
26 this country, as recognized by the appropriate agency as
27 identified by the board, and passed to the satisfaction of the
28 board an examination to determine her or his fitness for
29 practice as a physical therapist assistant as hereinafter
30 provided; ~~or~~

31 (c) Be entitled to licensure without examination as
32 provided in s. 486.107; or

33 (d)1. Have been enrolled in a physical therapist assistant
34 school in this state which was accredited at the time of her or
35 his enrollment, between July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2016;

36 2. Have been graduated or will be graduated from such
37 school on or before July 1, 2019; and

38 3. Have passed the examination provided in s. 486.104.

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41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 Delete lines 2 - 29

43 and insert:

44 An act relating to nurses and physical therapist
45 assistants; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; removing an
46 obsolete qualification no longer sufficient to satisfy
47 certain nursing certification requirements; amending
48 s. 464.019, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Nursing to
49 conduct certain on-site evaluations; removing a
50 limiting criterion from the requirement to measure
51 graduate passage rates; removing a requirement that
52 certain nursing program graduates complete a specific
53 preparatory course; clarifying circumstances when
54 programs in probationary status must be terminated;
55 providing that accredited and nonaccredited nursing
56 education programs must disclose probationary status;
57 requiring notification of probationary status to
58 include certain information; prohibiting a terminated
59 or closed program from seeking program approval for a
60 certain time; providing that a name change or the
61 creation of a new educational institution does not
62 reduce the waiting period for reapplication;
63 authorizing the board to adopt certain rules; removing
64 requirements that the Office of Program Policy
65 Analysis and Government Accountability perform certain
66 tasks; requiring the Florida Center for Nursing to
67 make an annual assessment of compliance by nursing
68 programs with certain accreditation requirements;
69 requiring the center to include its assessment in a



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70 report to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring
71 the termination of a program under certain
72 circumstances; amending s. 486.102, F.S.; revising
73 licensure requirements for physical therapist
74 assistants to include eligibility for graduates of
75 physical therapist assistant schools who meet certain
76 criteria;