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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Rodriguez, A. M. offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 686-736 and insert:

5 Section 17. Effective upon this act becoming a law,
6 subsections (8) and (10) of section 464.019, Florida Statutes,
7 are amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection (11) of
8 that section, to read:

9 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

10 (8) RULEMAKING.—The board does not have rulemaking
11 authority to administer this section, except that the board
12 shall adopt rules that prescribe the format for submitting
13 program applications under subsection (1) and annual reports

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14 under subsection (3), and to administer the documentation of the
15 accreditation of nursing education programs under subsection
16 (11). The board may adopt rules relating to the nursing
17 curriculum, including rules relating to the uses and limitations
18 of simulation technology, and rules relating to the criteria to
19 qualify for an extension of time to meet the accreditation
20 requirements under paragraph (11)(f). The board may not impose
21 any condition or requirement on an educational institution
22 submitting a program application, an approved program, or an
23 accredited program, except as expressly provided in this
24 section.

25 (10) IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for Nursing
26 shall study the administration of this section and submit
27 reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
28 Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by January 30,
29 through January 30, 2025 ~~2020~~. The annual reports shall address
30 the previous academic year; provide data on the measures
31 specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), as such data becomes
32 available; and include an evaluation of such data for purposes
33 of determining whether this section is increasing the
34 availability of nursing education programs and the production of
35 quality nurses. The department and each approved program or
36 accredited program shall comply with requests for data from the
37 Florida Center for Nursing.

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38 (a) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate program-
39 specific data for each approved program and accredited program
40 conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:

41 1. The number of programs and student slots available.

42 2. The number of student applications submitted, the
43 number of qualified applicants, and the number of students
44 accepted.

45 3. The number of program graduates.

46 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from
47 program entry to graduation.

48 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State
49 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

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

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

54 1. Program application approval process, including, but
55 not limited to, the number of program applications submitted
56 under subsection (1) ~~and~~ the number of program applications
57 approved and denied by the board under subsection (2) ~~and~~ the
58 number of denials of program applications reviewed under chapter
59 120 ~~and~~ a description of the outcomes of those reviews.

60 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited
61 to, the number of programs on probationary status, the number of
62 approved programs for which the program director is required to

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63 appear before the board under subsection (5), the number of
64 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of
65 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of
66 the outcomes of those reviews.

67 (c) The Florida Center for Nursing shall complete an
68 annual assessment of compliance by programs with the
69 accreditation requirements of subsection (11), include in the
70 assessment a determination of the accreditation process status
71 for each program, and submit the assessment as part of the
72 reports required by this subsection.

73 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—

74 (f) An approved nursing education program may, no sooner
75 than 90 days before the deadline for meeting the accreditation
76 requirements of this subsection, apply to the board for an
77 extension of the accreditation deadline for a period which does
78 not exceed 2 years. An additional extension may not be granted.
79 In order to be eligible for the extension, the approved program
80 must establish that it has a graduate passage rate of 60 percent
81 or higher on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing
82 Licensing Examination for the most recent calendar year and must
83 meet a majority of the board's additional criteria, including,
84 but not limited to, all of the following:

85 1. A student retention rate of 60 percent or higher for
86 the most recent calendar year.

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87 2. A graduate work placement rate of 70 percent or higher
88 for the most recent calendar year.

89 3. The program has applied for approval or been approved
90 by an institutional or programmatic accreditor recognized by the
91 United States Department of Education.

92 4. The program is in full compliance with subsections (1)
93 and (3) and paragraph (5) (b).

94 5. The program is not currently in its second year of
95 probationary status under subsection (5).

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97 The applicable deadline under this paragraph is tolled from the
98 date on which an approved program applies for an extension until
99 the date on which the board issues a decision on the requested
100 extension.

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103 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

104 Remove lines 62-65 and insert:

105 464.019, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Nursing to
106 adopt specified rules; extending through 2025 the
107 Florida Center for Nursing's responsibility to study
108 and issue an annual report on the implementation of
109 nursing education programs; authorizing certain
110 nursing education programs to apply for an extension
111 for accreditation within a specified timeframe;

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112 providing limitations on and eligibility criteria for
113 the extension; amending s. 464.202, F.S.;

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