Representative Stevenson offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (601145) (with title amendment)
Between lines 367 and 368 of the amendment, insert:
Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, 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 which is not more than 10 percentage points lower than the average passage rate during the same calendar year for graduates of comparable degree programs.
who are United States educated, first-time test takers on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination, as calculated by the contract testing service of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. For purposes of this subparagraph, an approved program is comparable to all degree programs of the same program type from among the following program types:

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

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

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

   d. Practical nursing education programs.

2. If an approved program's graduate passage rates do not equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive calendar years, the board shall place the program on probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program director shall appear before the board to present a plan for remediation, which shall include specific benchmarks to identify progress toward a graduate passage rate goal. The program must remain on probationary status until it achieves a graduate passage rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate for any 1 calendar year. The board shall deny a program application for a new prelicensure nursing education program.
submitted by an educational institution if the institution has

an existing program that is already on probationary status.

3. Upon the program's achievement of a graduate passage
rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate, the
board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following release
of the program's graduate passage rate by the National Council
of State Boards of Nursing, shall remove the program's
probationary status. If the program, during the 2 calendar years
following its placement on probationary status, does not achieve
the required passage rate for any 1 calendar year, the board may
extend the program's probationary status for 1 additional year,
provided the program has demonstrated adequate progress toward
the graduate passage rate goal by meeting a majority of the
benchmarks established in the remediation plan. If the program
is not granted the 1-year extension or fails to achieve the
required passage rate by the end of such extension, the board
shall terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120. **If a**
program on probationary status fails to achieve the required
passage rate for the 2020 calendar year, including a program
subject to termination during the 2021 calendar year, the board
shall extend the program's probationary status for 1 additional
year. The board shall grant such extension at a regularly
scheduled meeting during the 2021 calendar year.

(e) For each student who fails to pass the NCLEX on his or
her first attempt, and for at least 1 calendar year following
his or her graduation date, an approved program on probationary status must offer such student, at no additional cost, a remediation program designed to assist the student in passing the NCLEX.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Between lines 434 and 435 of the amendment, insert:

amending s. 464.019, F.S.; requiring the Board of Nursing to extend an approved program's probationary status under certain circumstances; requiring an approved program on probationary status to offer a remediation program designed to assist a student in passing a specified examination at no additional cost to the student;