The Committee on Education (Gruters) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 60 insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(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.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 3
and insert:

educational institutions; amending s. 464.019, F.S.;
requiring the Board of Nursing to extend an approved
program's probationary status under certain
circumstances; creating s. 768.39, F.S.;