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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Rizo offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 888 and 889, insert:

5 Section 11. Paragraph (f) of subsection (11) of section  
6 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is  
7 added to that subsection, to read:

8 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

9 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.—

10 (f) An approved nursing education program may, no sooner  
11 than 90 days before the deadline for meeting the accreditation  
12 requirements of this subsection, apply to the board for an  
13 initial extension of the accreditation deadline for a period

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14 which does not exceed 2 years. ~~An additional extension may not~~  
15 ~~be granted.~~ In order to be eligible for the extension, the  
16 approved program must establish that it has a graduate passage  
17 rate of 60 percent or higher on the National Council of State  
18 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination for the most recent  
19 calendar year and must meet a majority of the board's additional  
20 criteria, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

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

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

25 3. The program has applied for approval or been approved  
26 by an institutional or programmatic accreditor recognized by the  
27 United States Department of Education.

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

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

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33 The applicable deadline under this paragraph is tolled from the  
34 date on which an approved program applies for an extension until  
35 the date on which the board issues a decision on the requested  
36 extension.

37 (g) An approved nursing education program that has  
38 received the maximum 2-year extension permitted under paragraph

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39 | (f) and has a graduate passage rate of 80 percent or higher on  
40 | the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing  
41 | Examination for the most recent calendar year may apply to the  
42 | board for an additional 1-year extension of the accreditation  
43 | deadline. No further extensions shall be allowed.  
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47 | **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

48 | Remove line 55 and insert:  
49 | action against licensed nurses; amending s. 464.019,  
50 | F.S.; removing a provision prohibiting an extension of  
51 | the accreditation deadline of nursing education  
52 | programs; providing for an extension under certain  
53 | circumstances; amending s. 467.003,