$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ the Committees on Education; and Health Policy; and Senator Grimsley

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to nursing education programs;
3	amending s. 464.003, F.S.; revising definitions;
4	amending s. 464.013, F.S.; exempting nurses who are
5	certified by an accredited program from continuing
6	education requirements; amending s. 464.019, F.S.;
7	specifying the location of clinical training; revising
8	the limitation on the percentage of clinical training
9	that consists of clinical simulation; deleting
10	obsolete requirements; authorizing the Board of
11	Nursing to adopt certain rules relating to documenting
12	the accreditation of nursing education programs;
13	deleting the requirement that the Office of Program
14	Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
15	participate in an implementation study and revising
16	the terms of the study; requiring nursing education
17	programs that prepare students for the practice of
18	professional nursing to be accredited; providing an
19	exception; amending s. 456.014, F.S.; conforming a
20	cross-reference; providing an effective date.
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22	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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24	Section 1. Subsections (10), (19), and (23) of section
25	464.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
26	464.003 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
27	(10) "Clinical training" means direct nursing care
28	experiences with patients or clients, or clinical simulation of
29	such experiences, which offer the student the opportunity to

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30	integrate, apply, and refine specific skills and abilities based
31	on theoretical concepts and scientific principles.
32	(19) "Practice of practical nursing" means the performance
33	of selected acts, including the administration of treatments and
34	medications, in the care of the ill, injured, or infirm <u>;</u> and the
35	promotion of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of
36	illness of others under the direction of a registered nurse, a
37	licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed
38	podiatric physician, or a licensed dentist; and the teaching of
39	general principles of health and wellness to the public and to
40	students other than nursing students. A practical nurse is
41	responsible and accountable for making decisions that are based
42	upon the individual's educational preparation and experience in
43	nursing.
44	(23) "Required passage rate" means the graduate passage
45	rate required for an approved program pursuant to s.
46	<u>464.019(5)(a)</u> 464.019(6)(a)1.
47	Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 464.013, Florida
48	Statutes, is amended to read:
49	464.013 Renewal of license or certificate
50	(3) The board shall by rule prescribe <u>up to 30 hours of</u>
51	continuing education not to exceed 30 hours biennially as a
52	condition for renewal of a license or certificate. <u>A nurse who</u>
53	is certified by a health care specialty program accredited by
54	the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or Accreditation
55	Board for Specialty Nursing Certification is exempt from
56	continuing education requirements. The criteria for programs
57	shall be approved by the board.
58	Section 3. Section 464.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to

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59 read:

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464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.-

61 (1) PROGRAM APPLICATION APPLICATIONS. - An educational 62 institution that wishes to conduct a program in this state for 63 the prelicensure education of professional or practical nurses must submit to the department a program application and review 64 65 fee of \$1,000 for each prelicensure nursing education program to 66 be offered at the institution's main campus, branch campus, or 67 other instructional site. The Each program application must 68 include the legal name of the educational institution, the legal 69 name of the nursing education program, and, if such institution 70 program is accredited by an accrediting agency other than an 71 accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1), the name of the 72 accrediting agency. The application must also document that:

(a)1. For a professional nursing education program, the program director and at least 50 percent of the program's faculty members are registered nurses who have a master's or higher degree in nursing or a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's or higher degree in a field related to nursing.

78 2. For a practical nursing education program, the program 79 director and at least 50 percent of the program's faculty 80 members are registered nurses who have a bachelor's or higher 81 degree in nursing.

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The educational degree requirements of this paragraph may be documented by an official transcript or by a written statement from the educational institution verifying that the institution conferred the degree.

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(b) The program's nursing major curriculum consists of at

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581-02769-14 20141036c2 117 telephone, and such arrangement is approved by the clinical 118 facility. 119 3. For community-based clinical experiences that involve student participation in invasive or complex nursing activities, 120 121 students must be directly supervised by a program faculty member 122 or clinical preceptor and such arrangement must be approved by 123 the community-based clinical facility. 124 4. For community-based clinical experiences not subject to subparagraph 3., indirect supervision may occur only when a 125 126 supervising program faculty member is available to the student 127 by telephone. 128

A program's policies established under this paragraph must require <u>that</u> a clinical preceptor <u>who is</u>, if supervising students in a professional nursing education program, to be a registered nurse or, if supervising students in a practical nursing education program, to be a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

135 (f) The professional or practical nursing curriculum plan 136 documents clinical experience and theoretical instruction in 137 medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric nursing. 138 A professional nursing curriculum plan shall also document 139 clinical experience and theoretical instruction in psychiatric 140 nursing. Each curriculum plan must document clinical training 141 experience in appropriate settings that include, but are not limited to, acute care, long-term care, and community settings. 142

(g) The professional or practical nursing education program provides theoretical instruction and clinical application in personal, family, and community health concepts; nutrition;

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581-02769-14 20141036c2 146 human growth and development throughout the life span; body 147 structure and function; interpersonal relationship skills; 148 mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration of medications; and legal aspects of practice. A professional 149 150 nursing education program must shall also provide theoretical instruction and clinical application in interpersonal 151 152 relationships and leadership skills; professional role and 153 function; and health teaching and counseling skills. 154 (2) PROGRAM APPROVAL.-155 (a) Upon receipt of a program application and review fee, 156 the department shall examine the application to determine if 157 whether it is complete. If the a program application is not 158 complete, the department shall notify the educational 159 institution in writing of any errors or omissions within 30 days after the department's receipt of the application. A program 160 161 application is deemed complete upon the department's receipt of: 162 1. The initial application, if the department does not 163 notify the educational institution of any errors or omissions 164 within the 30-day period; or 165 2. A revised application that corrects each error and 166 omission of which the department notifies the educational 167 institution within the 30-day period. 168 (b) Within 90 days after the department's receipt of a 169 complete program application, the board shall: 1. Approve the application if it documents compliance with 170 171 subsection (1) paragraphs (1)(a) - (g); or 172 2. Provide the educational institution with a notice of 173 intent to deny the application if it does not document 174 compliance with subsection (1) $\frac{1}{paragraphs}$ (1) (a)-(g). The notice Page 6 of 18

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175	must <u>specify</u> set forth written reasons for the board's denial of
176	the application. The board may not deny a program application
177	because of an educational institution's failure to correct <u>an</u>
178	any error or omission <u>that</u> of which the department <u>failed to</u>
179	provide notice of to does not notify the institution within the
180	30-day notice period under paragraph (a). The educational
181	institution may request a hearing on the notice of intent to
182	deny the program application pursuant to chapter 120.
183	(c) A program application is deemed approved if the board
184	does not act within the 90-day review period provided under
185	paragraph (b).
186	(d) Upon the board's approval of a program application, the
187	program becomes an approved program.
188	(3) STATUS OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS A professional or practical
189	nursing education program becomes an approved program if, as of
190	June 30, 2009, the program:
191	(a) Has full or provisional approval from the board or,
192	except as provided in paragraph (b), is on probationary status.
193	(b) Is on probationary status because the program did not
194	meet the board's requirement for graduate passage rates. Such
195	program shall remain on probationary status until it achieves a
196	graduate passage rate for calendar year 2009 or 2010 that equals
197	or exceeds the required passage rate for the respective calendar
198	year and must disclose its probationary status in writing to the
199	program's students and applicants. If the program does not
200	achieve the required passage rate, the board shall terminate the
201	program pursuant to chapter 120.
202	(3)-(4) ANNUAL REPORTBy November 1 of each year, each
203	approved program shall submit to the board an annual report

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581-02769-14 20141036c2 204 comprised of an affidavit certifying continued compliance with 205 subsection (1) $\frac{1}{a^{-(g)}}$, a summary description of 206 the program's compliance with subsection (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ 207 (g), and documentation for the previous academic year that, to the extent applicable, describes sets forth: 208 209 (a) The number of student applications received, qualified 210 applicants, applicants accepted, accepted applicants who enroll 211 in the program, students enrolled in the program, and program 212 graduates. 213 (b) The program's retention rates for students tracked from 214 program entry to graduation. 215 (c) The program's accreditation status, including 216 identification of the accrediting agency if such agency is not 217 an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1). 218 (4) (5) INTERNET WEBSITE. By October 1, 2010, The board 219 shall publish the following information on its Internet website: 220 (a) A list of each accredited program conducted in the 221 state and the program's graduate passage rates for the most 222 recent 2 calendar years, which the department shall determine 223 through the following sources: 224 1. For a program's accreditation status, the specialized 225 accrediting agencies that are nationally recognized by the United States Secretary of Education to accredit nursing 226 227 education programs. 228 2. For a program's graduate passage rates, the contract 229 testing service of the National Council of State Boards of 230 Nursing.

(b) The following data for each approved program, which
 includes shall include, to the extent applicable:

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581-02769-14 20141036c2 233 1. All documentation provided by the program in its program 234 application if submitted on or after July 1, 2009. 235 2. The summary description of the program's compliance 236 submitted under subsection (3) (4). 237 3. The program's accreditation status, including 238 identification of the accrediting agency if such agency is not 239 an accrediting agency described in s. 464.003(1). 240 4. The program's probationary status. 241 5. The program's graduate passage rates for the most recent 242 2 calendar years. 243 6. Each program's retention rates for students tracked from 244 program entry to graduation. 245 (c) The average passage rates for United States educated 246 first-time test takers on the National Council of State Boards 247 of Nursing Licensing Examination for the most recent 2 calendar 248 years, as calculated by the contract testing service of the 249 National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The average passage 250 rates shall be published separately for each type of comparable 251 degree program listed in subparagraph (5) (a) 1. sub-subparagraphs 252 (6) (a) 1.a.-d. 253 254 The information required to be published under this subsection 255 shall be made available in a manner that allows interactive 256 searches and comparisons of individual programs selected by the 257 website user. The board shall update the Internet website at 258 least quarterly with the available information. 259 (5) (6) ACCOUNTABILITY.-260 (a)1. An approved program must achieve a graduate passage 261 rate that is not more lower than 10 percentage points lower less

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262	than the average passage rate <u>during the same calendar year</u> for
263	graduates of comparable degree programs who are United States
264	educated, first-time test takers on the National Council of
265	State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination during a calendar
266	year, as calculated by the contract testing service of the
267	National Council of State Boards of Nursing. For purposes of
268	this subparagraph, an approved program is comparable to all
269	degree programs of the same program type from among the
270	following program types:
271	a. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
272	in a bachelor's degree.
273	b. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
274	in an associate degree.
275	c. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
276	in a diploma.
277	d. Practical nursing education programs.
278	2. Beginning with graduate passage rates for calendar year
279	2010, if an approved program's graduate passage rates do not
280	equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive
281	calendar years, the board shall place the program on
282	probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program
283	director <u>shall</u> must appear before the board to present a plan
284	for remediation. The program <u>must</u> shall remain on probationary
285	status until it achieves a graduate passage rate that equals or
286	exceeds the required passage rate for any 1 calendar year. The
287	board shall deny a program application for a new prelicensure
288	nursing education program submitted by an educational
289	institution if the institution has an existing program that is
290	already on probationary status.
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581-02769-14 20141036c2 291 3. Upon the program's achievement of a graduate passage 292 rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate, the 293 board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following release 294 of the program's graduate passage rate by the National Council 295 of State Boards of Nursing, shall remove the program's 296 probationary status. However, if the program, during the 2 297 calendar years following its placement on probationary status, 298 does not achieve the required passage rate for any 1 calendar 299 year, the board shall terminate the program pursuant to chapter 300 120. 301 (b) If an approved program fails to submit the annual

302 report required in subsection (3) (4), the board shall notify 303 the program director and president or chief executive officer of 304 the educational institution in writing within 15 days after the 305 due date of the annual report. The program director shall must 306 appear before the board at the board's next regularly scheduled 307 meeting to explain the reason for the delay. The board shall 308 terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120 if it does not 309 submit the annual report within 6 months after the due date.

310 (c) An approved program on probationary status shall 311 disclose its probationary status in writing to the program's 312 students and applicants.

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(6) (7) DISCLOSURE OF GRADUATE PASSAGE RATE DATA.-

(a) For each <u>graduate</u> of <u>the program</u> an <u>approved program's</u>
or accredited program's graduates included in the calculation of
the program's graduate passage rate, the department shall
disclose to the program director, upon his or her written
request, the name, examination date, and determination of
whether each graduate passed or failed the National Council <u>of</u>

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320	for State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination, <u>if</u> to the
321	extent that such information is provided to the department by
322	the contract testing service of the National Council <u>of</u> for
323	State Boards of Nursing. The written request must specify the
324	calendar years for which the information is requested.
325	(b) A program director to whom confidential information
326	exempt from public disclosure pursuant to s. 456.014 is
327	disclosed under this subsection must maintain the
328	confidentiality of the information and is subject to the same
329	penalties provided in s. 456.082 for department employees who
330	unlawfully disclose confidential information.
331	(7) (8) PROGRAM CLOSURE
332	(a) An educational institution conducting an approved
333	program or accredited program in this state, at least 30 days
334	before voluntarily closing the program, shall notify the board
335	in writing of the institution's reason for closing the program,
336	the intended closure date, the institution's plan to provide for
337	or assist in the completion of training by the program's
338	students, and the arrangements for storage of the program's
339	permanent records.
340	(b) An educational institution conducting a nursing
341	education program that is terminated under subsection <u>(5)</u> (6) or
342	closed under subparagraph (9)(b)3. (10)(b)3.:
343	1. May not accept or enroll new students.
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2. <u>Shall Must</u> submit to the board within 30 days after the program is terminated or closed a written description of how the institution will assist in <u>completing</u> the <u>completion of</u> training <u>of by</u> the program's students and the institution's arrangements for storage of the program's permanent records.

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581-02769-14 20141036c2 349 (c) If an educational institution does not comply with 350 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), the board shall provide a 351 written notice explaining the institution's noncompliance to the 352 following persons and entities: 1. The president or chief executive officer of the 353 354 educational institution. 355 2. The Board of Governors, if the program is conducted by a 356 state university. 357 3. The district school board, if the program is conducted by an educational institution operated by a school district. 358 359 4. The Commission for Independent Education, if the program 360 is conducted by an educational institution licensed under 361 chapter 1005. 5. The State Board of Education, if the program is 362 363 conducted by an educational institution in the Florida College 364 System or by an educational institution that is not subject to 365 subparagraphs 2.-4. 366 (8) (9) RULEMAKING.-The board does not have any rulemaking 367 authority to administer this section, except that the board 368 shall adopt rules a rule that prescribe prescribes the format 369 for submitting program applications under subsection (1) and annual reports under subsection (3), and to administer the 370 371 documentation of the accreditation of nursing education programs 372 under subsection (11) (4). The board may not impose any 373 condition or requirement on an educational institution 374 submitting a program application, an approved program, or an 375 accredited program, except as expressly provided in this 376 section. The board shall repeal all rules, or portions thereof, in existence on July 1, 2009, that are inconsistent with this 377

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581-02769-14 20141036c2 378 subsection. 379 (9) (10) APPLICABILITY TO ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.-380 (a) Subsections (1)-(3) (1)-(4), paragraph (4)(b) (5)(b), 381 and subsection (5) (6) do not apply to an accredited program. An 382 accredited program on probationary status before July 1, 2010, 383 ceases to be subject to the probationary status. 384 (b) If an accredited program ceases to be accredited, the

384 (b) II an accredited program ceases to be accredited, the
 385 educational institution conducting the program:

386 1. Within 10 business days after the program ceases to be 387 accredited, must provide written notice of the date that the 388 program ceased to be accredited to the board, the program's 389 students and applicants, and each entity providing clinical 390 training sites or community-based clinical experience sites for 391 the program. The educational institution must continue to 392 provide the written notice to new students, applicants, and 393 entities providing clinical training sites or community-based 394 clinical experience sites for the program until the program 395 becomes an approved program or is closed under subparagraph 3.

396 2. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be 397 accredited, must submit an affidavit to the board, signed by the 398 educational institution's president or chief executive officer 399 which, that certifies the institution's compliance with 400 subparagraph 1. The board shall notify the persons and 401 applicable entities listed in paragraph (7)(c) subparagraph 402 (8) (c) 1. and the applicable entities listed in subparagraphs 403 (8)(c)2.-5, if an educational institution does not submit the 404 affidavit required by this subparagraph.

405 3. May apply to become an approved program under this406 section. If the educational institution:

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407 a. Within 30 days after the program ceases to be 408 accredited, submits a program application and review fee to the 409 department under subsection (1) and the affidavit required under 410 subparagraph 2., the program shall be deemed an approved program 411 from the date that the program ceased to be accredited until the 412 date that the board approves or denies the program application. 413 The program application must be denied by the board pursuant to 414 chapter 120 if it does not contain the affidavit. If the board denies the program application under subsection (2) or if 415 416 because the program application does not contain the affidavit, 417 the program shall be closed and the educational institution 418 conducting the program must comply with paragraph (7) (b) $\frac{(8)(b)}{(2)}$.

b. Does not apply to become an approved program pursuant to sub-subparagraph a., the program shall be deemed an approved program from the date that the program ceased to be accredited until the 31st day after that date. On the 31st day after the program ceased to be accredited, the program shall be closed and the educational institution conducting the program must comply with paragraph (7) (b) (8) (b).

426 (10) (11) IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.-The Florida Center for 427 Nursing and the education policy area of the Office of Program 428 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall study the 429 implementation 5-year administration of this section and submit reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the 430 431 Speaker of the House of Representatives in January of each year following the effective date of this act by January 30, 2011, and 432 433 annually thereafter through January 30, 2015. The annual reports 434 shall address the previous academic year; provide set forth data 435 on the measures specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), as such

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436	data becomes available; and include an evaluation of such data
437	for purposes of determining whether this section is increasing
438	the availability of nursing education programs and the
439	production of quality nurses. The department and each approved
440	program or accredited program shall comply with requests for
441	data from the Florida Center for Nursing and the education
442	policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
443	Government Accountability.
444	(a) The <u>Florida Center for Nursing</u> education policy area of
445	the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
446	Accountability shall evaluate program-specific data for each
447	approved program and accredited program conducted in the state,
448	including, but not limited to:
449	1. The number of programs and student slots available.
450	2. The number of student applications submitted, the number
451	of qualified applicants, and the number of students accepted.
452	3. The number of program graduates.
453	4. Program retention rates of students tracked from program
454	entry to graduation.
455	5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State
456	Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.
457	6. The number of graduates who become employed as practical
458	or professional nurses in the state.
459	(b) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate the
460	board's implementation of the:
461	1. Program application approval process, including, but not
462	limited to, the number of program applications submitted under
463	subsection (1); the number of program applications approved and
464	denied by the board under subsection (2); the number of denials
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581-02769-14 20141036c2 465 of program applications reviewed under chapter 120; and a 466 description of the outcomes of those reviews. 467 2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited to, 468 the number of programs on probationary status, the number of 469 approved programs for which the program director is required to 470 appear before the board under subsection (5) $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$, the number of 471 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of 472 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of 473 the outcomes of those reviews. 474 (c) For any state fiscal year in which the Florida Center 475 for Nursing does not receive legislative appropriations, the 476 education policy area of the Office of Program Policy Analysis 477 and Government Accountability shall perform the duties assigned 478 by this subsection to the Florida Center for Nursing. 479 (11) ACCREDITATION REQUIRED.-480 (a) A nursing education program that prepares students for 481 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under 482 this section before July 1, 2014, and that enrolled students 483 before July 1, 2014, must become an accredited program by July 484 1, 2019. 485 (b) A nursing education program that prepares students for 486 the practice of professional nursing, that was approved under 487 this section before July 1, 2014, but did not enroll students 488 before that date, must become an accredited program within 5 489 years after the date of enrolling the program's first students. (c) A nursing education program that prepares students for 490 491 the practice of professional nursing and that is approved by the 492 board after June 30, 2014, must become an accredited program 493 within 5 years after the date of enrolling the program's first

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494	students.
495	(d) This subsection does not apply to a nursing education
496	program provided by an institution that is exempted from
497	licensure by the Commission for Independent Education under s.
498	1005.06(1)(e).
499	Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 456.014, Florida
500	Statutes, is amended to read:
501	456.014 Public inspection of information required from
502	applicants; exceptions; examination hearing
503	(1) All information required by the department of any
504	applicant shall be a public record and shall be open to public
505	inspection pursuant to s. 119.07, except financial information,
506	medical information, school transcripts, examination questions,
507	answers, papers, grades, and grading keys, which are
508	confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall not be
509	discussed with or made accessible to anyone except the program
510	director of an approved program or accredited program as
511	provided in s. $464.019(6)$ $464.019(7)$, members of the board, the
512	department, and staff thereof, who have a bona fide need to know
513	such information. Any information supplied to the department by
514	any other agency which is exempt from the provisions of chapter
515	119 or is confidential shall remain exempt or confidential
516	pursuant to applicable law while in the custody of the
517	department or the agency.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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