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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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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

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14 | who are United States educated, first-time test takers on the
15 | National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing
16 | Examination, as calculated by the contract testing service of
17 | the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. For purposes of
18 | this subparagraph, an approved program is comparable to all
19 | degree programs of the same program type from among the
20 | following program types:

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

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

25 | c. Professional nursing education programs that terminate
26 | in a diploma.

27 | d. Practical nursing education programs.

28 | 2. If an approved program's graduate passage rates do not
29 | equal or exceed the required passage rates for 2 consecutive
30 | calendar years, the board shall place the program on
31 | probationary status pursuant to chapter 120 and the program
32 | director shall appear before the board to present a plan for
33 | remediation, which shall include specific benchmarks to identify
34 | progress toward a graduate passage rate goal. The program must
35 | remain on probationary status until it achieves a graduate
36 | passage rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate
37 | for any 1 calendar year. The board shall deny a program
38 | application for a new prelicensure nursing education program

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39 submitted by an educational institution if the institution has
40 an existing program that is already on probationary status.

41 3. Upon the program's achievement of a graduate passage
42 rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate, the
43 board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following release
44 of the program's graduate passage rate by the National Council
45 of State Boards of Nursing, shall remove the program's
46 probationary status. If the program, during the 2 calendar years
47 following its placement on probationary status, does not achieve
48 the required passage rate for any 1 calendar year, the board may
49 extend the program's probationary status for 1 additional year,
50 provided the program has demonstrated adequate progress toward
51 the graduate passage rate goal by meeting a majority of the
52 benchmarks established in the remediation plan. If the program
53 is not granted the 1-year extension or fails to achieve the
54 required passage rate by the end of such extension, the board
55 shall terminate the program pursuant to chapter 120. If a
56 program on probationary status fails to achieve the required
57 passage rate for the 2020 calendar year, including a program
58 subject to termination during the 2021 calendar year, the board
59 shall extend the program's probationary status for 1 additional
60 year. The board shall grant such extension at a regularly
61 scheduled meeting during the 2021 calendar year.

62 (e) For each student who fails to pass the NCLEX on his or
63 her first attempt, and for at least 1 calendar year following

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64 his or her graduation date, an approved program on probationary
65 status must offer such student, at no additional cost, a
66 remediation program designed to assist the student in passing
67 the NCLEX.

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Between lines 434 and 435 of the amendment, insert:

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amending s. 464.019, F.S.; requiring the Board of

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Nursing to extend an approved program's probationary

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status under certain circumstances; requiring an

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approved program on probationary status to offer a

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remediation program designed to assist a student in

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passing a specified examination at no additional cost

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to the student;

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