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HOUSE BILL No. 1278

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM127801

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Board of nursing. Requires the Indiana State Nurses Association, any time there is a vacancy or expiration of a term on the board of nursing, to recommend to the governor a list of qualified nurses for appointment. (Current law requires the Indiana State Nurses Association to recommend the list when there is a vacancy on the board.)

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 [SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2023,
2 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. At any time there is a vacancy or expiration of
4 a term, the Indiana State Nurses Association shall recommend to the
5 governor a list of qualified nurses for appointment to the board in the
6 number of not less than twice the number of:
7 (1) nurse vacancies to be filled; or
8 (2) nurse appointments to be made.
9] SECTION ↪[2]. IC 25-23-1-20.1, AS AMENDED BY
10 P.L.148-2023, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 20.1. (a) As used in this
12 section, "eligible[associate or bachelor's degree registered nursing
13 program" means an a practical nursing program or an associate or
14 bachelor's degree registered nursing program that:
15 (1) is accredited by the board; and
16 (2) has an annual rate of successful completion of the National
17 Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) score of at least eighty
18 percent (80%).

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3 (1) A licensed practical nursing program.

4 (2) An associate degree nursing program

5 (3) A diploma nursing program.

6 (4) A baccalaureate degree nursing program.

14 (d) A nursing program that:

15 (1) is operated by a postsecondary educational institution, as
16 defined in IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1);

17 (2) was accredited by the board on a date after June 30, 2020;

18 and

19 (3) has been operating for at least one (1) year;

20 may increase its enrollment rate by not more than one hundred percent
21 (100%).[

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