

PRINTING CODE. Deletions appear in ~~this style type~~. Insertions appear in this style type. Typeface changes are shown in ~~this style type~~ or in this style type.

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 ~~1~~[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%).

2026

IN 1278—LS 6838/DI 147



DOCUMENT HAS NOT BEEN CHECKED FOR ACCURACY

M
a
r
k
u
p

(b) As used in this section, "nursing program" means any of the following:

- (1) A licensed practical nursing program.
- (2) An associate degree nursing program.
- (3) A diploma nursing program.
- (4) A baccalaureate degree nursing program.

(c) ~~An eligible associate degree or bachelor's degree registered nursing program that has been operating for at least five (5) years may increase enrollment in the program at any rate the program considers appropriate.~~ **An institution that has been operating an eligible nursing program for at least five (5) years may increase the enrollment in any eligible nursing program at any rate the institution considers appropriate.**

(d) A nursing program that:

- (1) is operated by a postsecondary educational institution, as defined in IC 21-7-13-6(a)(1);
 - (2) was accredited by the board on a date after June 30, 2020; and
 - (3) has been operating for at least one (1) year;
- may increase its enrollment rate by not more than one hundred percent (100%).[\[](#)

[\]](#)

M
a
r
k
u
p

