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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5155

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5155 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing  
5 Sections 60-5 and 60-10 and by adding Section 60-7 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/60-5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 60-5. RN education program requirements; out-of-State  
9 programs.

10 (a) All registered professional nurse education programs  
11 must be reviewed by the Board and approved by the Department  
12 before the successful completion of such a program may be  
13 applied toward meeting the requirements for registered  
14 professional nurse licensure under this Act. Any program  
15 changing the level of educational preparation or the  
16 relationship with or to the parent institution or establishing

1 an extension of an existing program must request a review by  
2 the Board and approval by the Department. The Board shall  
3 review and make a recommendation for the approval or  
4 disapproval of a program by the Department based on the  
5 following criteria:

6 (1) a feasibility study that describes the need for  
7 the program and the facilities used, the potential of the  
8 program to recruit faculty and students, financial support  
9 for the program, and other criteria, as established by  
10 rule;

11 (2) program curriculum that meets all State  
12 requirements;

13 (2.5) whether the program satisfies one of the  
14 criteria for program effectiveness set forth in subsection  
15 (a) of Section 60-7 ~~measurement of program effectiveness~~  
16 ~~based on a passage rate of all graduates over the 3 most~~  
17 ~~recent calendar years without reference to first time test~~  
18 ~~takers;~~

19 (3) the administration of the program by a Nurse  
20 Administrator and the involvement of a Nurse Administrator  
21 in the development of the program;

22 (4) the occurrence of a site visit prior to approval;  
23 and

24 (5) beginning December 31, 2022, obtaining and  
25 maintaining programmatic accreditation by a national  
26 accrediting body for nursing education recognized by the

1 United States Department of Education and approved by the  
2 Department.

3 The Department and Board of Nursing shall be notified  
4 within 30 days if the program loses its accreditation. The  
5 Department may adopt rules regarding a warning process and  
6 reaccreditation.

7 (b) In order to obtain initial Department approval and to  
8 maintain Department approval, a registered professional  
9 nursing program must meet all of the following requirements:

10 (1) The institution responsible for conducting the  
11 program and the Nurse Administrator must ensure that  
12 individual faculty members are academically and  
13 professionally competent.

14 (2) The program curriculum must contain all applicable  
15 requirements established by rule, including both theory  
16 and clinical components.

17 (3) The passage rates of the program's graduating  
18 classes on the State-approved licensure exam must meet one  
19 of the measurements of program effectiveness set forth in  
20 subsection (a) of Section 60-7 ~~be deemed satisfactory by~~  
21 ~~the Department.~~

22 On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
23 the 103rd General Assembly, a registered professional nurse  
24 education program meeting one of the measurements of program  
25 effectiveness referenced in subsection (a) of Section 60-7 of  
26 this Act, as submitted to the Board each February 15 shall be

1 deemed to be in good standing.

2 (c) Program site visits to an institution conducting or  
3 hosting a professional nursing program may be made at the  
4 discretion of the Nursing Coordinator or upon recommendation  
5 of the Board. Full routine site visits may be conducted by the  
6 Department for periodic evaluation. Such visits shall be used  
7 to determine compliance with this Act. Full routine site  
8 visits must be announced and may be waived at the discretion of  
9 the Department if the program maintains accreditation with an  
10 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of  
11 Education and approved by the Department.

12 (d) Any institution conducting a registered professional  
13 nursing program that wishes to discontinue the program must do  
14 each of the following:

15 (1) Notify the Department, in writing, of its intent  
16 to discontinue the program.

17 (2) Continue to meet the requirements of this Act and  
18 the rules adopted thereunder until the official date of  
19 termination of the program.

20 (3) Notify the Department of the date on which the  
21 last student shall graduate from the program and the  
22 program shall terminate.

23 (4) Assist remaining students in the continuation of  
24 their education in the event of program termination prior  
25 to the graduation of the program's final student.

26 (5) Upon the closure of the program, notify the

1 Department, in writing, of the location of student and  
2 graduate records' storage.

3 (e) Out-of-State registered professional nursing education  
4 programs planning to offer clinical practice experiences in  
5 this State must meet the requirements set forth in this  
6 Section and must meet the clinical and faculty requirements  
7 for institutions outside of this State, as established by  
8 rule. The institution responsible for conducting an  
9 out-of-State registered professional nursing education program  
10 and the administrator of the program shall be responsible for  
11 ensuring that the individual faculty and preceptors overseeing  
12 the clinical experience are academically and professionally  
13 competent.

14 (Source: P.A. 103-533, eff. 1-1-24.)

15 (225 ILCS 65/60-7 new)

16 Sec. 60-7. Registered professional nurse education program  
17 effectiveness.

18 (a) The measurement of a registered professional nurse  
19 education program's effectiveness is determined by whether the  
20 program's:

21 (1) most recent annual pass rate on a State-approved  
22 licensure examination is 75% or greater for all first-time  
23 test-takers; or

24 (2) average pass rate on a State-approved licensure  
25 examination for the 3 most recent years is 75% or greater

1       for all first-time test-takers.

2       (b) Outliers may be removed when calculating  
3 State-approved licensure examination pass rates. A registered  
4 professional nurse education program shall be responsible for  
5 tracking outliers. If a professional nurse education program  
6 elects to remove outliers when calculating State-approved  
7 licensure examination pass rates, then the professional nurse  
8 education program must provide the Department with a roster of  
9 removed outliers and the documentation necessary to confirm  
10 each outlier's status as an outlier.

11       In this subsection, "outlier" means a graduate of a  
12 professional nurse education program who does not take a  
13 State-approved licensure examination within 180 days of  
14 graduating a professional nurse education program.

15       (c) A registered professional nurse education program is  
16 responsible for calculating the passage rate of the program's  
17 graduates. The registered professional nurse education program  
18 must submit a calculation of the passage rate of the program's  
19 graduates and supporting documentation, which includes an  
20 attestation of how the program arrived at its passage rate, to  
21 the Board and the Department on February 15 of each year.

22       (225 ILCS 65/60-10)

23       (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

24       Sec. 60-10. RN licensure by examination.

25       (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements

1 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a registered  
2 professional nurse.

3 (b) An applicant for licensure by examination to practice  
4 as a registered professional nurse is eligible for licensure  
5 when the following requirements are met:

6 (1) the applicant has submitted a completed written  
7 application, on forms provided by the Department, and  
8 fees, as established by the Department;

9 (2) the applicant has graduated from a professional  
10 nursing education program approved by the Department or  
11 has been granted a certificate of completion of  
12 pre-licensure requirements from another United States  
13 jurisdiction;

14 (3) the applicant has successfully completed a  
15 licensure examination approved by the Department;

16 (4) (blank);

17 (5) the applicant has submitted to the criminal  
18 history records check required under Section 50-35 of this  
19 Act;

20 (6) the applicant has submitted, either to the  
21 Department or its designated testing service, a fee  
22 covering the cost of providing the examination; failure to  
23 appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the  
24 time and place specified after the applicant's application  
25 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the  
26 Department or the designated testing service shall result

1 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

2 (7) the applicant has met all other requirements  
3 established by the Department by rule.

4 An applicant for licensure by examination may take the  
5 Department-approved examination in another jurisdiction.

6 (b-3) An applicant who graduates from a professional  
7 nursing program in this State on or after January 1, 2024 (the  
8 effective date of Public Act 103-533) ~~this amendatory Act of~~  
9 ~~the 103rd General Assembly~~ and does not take the licensure  
10 examination within 180 days after his or her degree is  
11 conferred by the institution of higher education or fails the  
12 licensure examination for a second time shall be required to  
13 demonstrate proof of completion of a National Council  
14 Licensure Examination preparatory class or a comparable test  
15 preparatory program before taking a subsequent licensure  
16 examination or the graduate may return to the institution of  
17 higher education from which he or she graduated which shall  
18 provide remedial educational resources to the graduate at no  
19 cost to the graduate. Such an applicant must contact the  
20 institution of higher education from which he or she graduated  
21 prior to retesting.

22 (b-4) (Blank). ~~All professional nursing programs in~~  
23 ~~probationary status on the effective date of this amendatory~~  
24 ~~Act of the 103rd General Assembly and subject to a program~~  
25 ~~revision plan shall be deemed in good standing for a period of~~  
26 ~~3 years beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act~~



1 ~~of the 103rd General Assembly. Prior to September 1, 2026, no~~  
2 ~~professional nursing program shall be placed on probationary~~  
3 ~~status for failing to reach a passage rate of less than 75%.~~

4 (b-5) If an applicant for licensure by examination  
5 neglects, fails, or refuses to take an examination or fails to  
6 pass an examination for a license within 3 years of the date of  
7 initial application, the application shall be denied. When an  
8 applicant's application is denied due to the failure to pass  
9 the examination within the 3-year period, that applicant must  
10 undertake an additional course of education as defined by rule  
11 prior to submitting a new application for licensure. Any new  
12 application must be accompanied by the required fee, evidence  
13 of meeting the requirements in force at the time of the new  
14 application, and evidence of completion of the additional  
15 course of education prescribed by rule.

16 (c) An applicant for licensure by examination shall have  
17 one year after the date of notification of the successful  
18 completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a  
19 license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the  
20 applicant shall be required to retake and pass the examination  
21 unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States.

22 (d) An applicant for licensure by examination who passes  
23 the Department-approved licensure examination for professional  
24 nursing may obtain employment as a license-pending registered  
25 nurse and practice under the direction of a registered  
26 professional nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse

1 until such time as he or she receives his or her license to  
2 practice or until the license is denied. In no instance shall  
3 any such applicant practice or be employed in any management  
4 capacity. An individual may be employed as a license-pending  
5 registered nurse if all of the following criteria are met:

6 (1) He or she has completed and passed the  
7 Department-approved licensure exam and presents to the  
8 employer the official written notification indicating  
9 successful passage of the licensure examination.

10 (2) He or she has completed and submitted to the  
11 Department an application for licensure under this Section  
12 as a registered professional nurse.

13 (3) He or she has submitted the required licensure  
14 fee.

15 (4) He or she has met all other requirements  
16 established by rule, including having submitted to a  
17 criminal history records check.

18 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending  
19 registered nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of  
20 the following:

21 (1) Three months have passed since the official date  
22 of passing the licensure exam as inscribed on the formal  
23 written notification indicating passage of the exam. The  
24 3-month license pending period may be extended if more  
25 time is needed by the Department to process the licensure  
26 application.

1           (2) Receipt of the registered professional nurse  
2 license from the Department.

3           (3) Notification from the Department that the  
4 application for licensure has been refused.

5           (4) A request by the Department that the individual  
6 terminate practicing as a license-pending registered nurse  
7 until an official decision is made by the Department to  
8 grant or deny a registered professional nurse license.

9           (f) (Blank).

10          (g) (Blank).

11          (h) (Blank).

12          (i) (Blank).

13          (j) (Blank).

14          (k) All applicants for registered professional nurse  
15 licensure have 3 years after the date of application to  
16 complete the application process. If the process has not been  
17 completed within 3 years after the date of application, the  
18 application shall be denied, the fee forfeited, and the  
19 applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at  
20 the time of reapplication.

21          (l) All applicants for registered nurse licensure by  
22 examination who are graduates of practical nursing educational  
23 programs in a country other than the United States and its  
24 territories shall have their nursing education credentials  
25 evaluated by a Department-approved nursing credentialing  
26 evaluation service. No such applicant may be issued a license

1 under this Act unless the applicant's program is deemed by the  
2 nursing credentialing evaluation service to be equivalent to a  
3 professional nursing education program approved by the  
4 Department. An applicant who has graduated from a nursing  
5 educational program outside of the United States or its  
6 territories and whose first language is not English shall  
7 submit evidence of English proficiency, as defined by rule.

8 (m) (Blank).

9 (Source: P.A. 103-533, eff. 1-1-24.)".