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HOUSE BILL NO. 604

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Nursing; educational programs; oversight.*

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 54.1-3005 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 54.1-3005. Specific powers and duties of Board.**

In addition to the general powers and duties conferred in this title, the Board shall have the following specific powers and duties:

1. To prescribe minimum standards and approve curricula for educational programs preparing persons for licensure ~~or~~, certification, *or* registration under this chapter;

2. To approve programs that meet the requirements of this chapter and of the Board;

3. To provide consultation service for educational programs as requested;

4. To provide for periodic surveys of educational *or* training programs;

5. To deny or withdraw approval from educational or training programs for failure to meet prescribed standards;

6. To provide consultation regarding nursing practice for institutions and agencies as requested and investigate illegal nursing practices;

7. To keep a record of all its proceedings;

8. To certify and maintain a registry of all certified nurse aides and to promulgate regulations consistent with federal law and regulation. The Board shall require all schools to demonstrate their compliance with § 54.1-3006.2 upon application for approval or reapproval, during an on-site visit, or in response to a complaint or a report of noncompliance. The Board may impose a fee pursuant to § 54.1-2401 for any violation thereof. Such regulations may include standards for the authority of licensed practical nurses to teach nurse aides;

9. To maintain a registry of clinical nurse specialists and to promulgate regulations governing clinical nurse specialists;

10. To license and maintain a registry of all licensed massage therapists and to promulgate regulations governing the criteria for licensure as a massage therapist and the standards of professional conduct for licensed massage therapists;

11. To promulgate regulations for the delegation of certain nursing tasks and procedures not involving assessment, evaluation or nursing judgment to an appropriately trained unlicensed person by and under the supervision of a registered nurse, who retains responsibility and accountability for such delegation;

12. To develop and revise as may be necessary, in coordination with the Boards of Medicine and Education, guidelines for the training of employees of a school board in the administration of insulin and glucagon for the purpose of assisting with routine insulin injections and providing emergency treatment for life-threatening hypoglycemia. The first set of such guidelines shall be finalized by September 1, 1999, and shall be made available to local school boards for a fee not to exceed the costs of publication;

13. To enter into the Nurse Licensure Compact as set forth in this chapter and to promulgate regulations for its implementation;

14. To collect, store and make available nursing workforce information regarding the various categories of nurses certified, licensed or registered pursuant to § 54.1-3012.1;

15. To expedite application processing, to the extent possible, pursuant to § 54.1-119 for an applicant for licensure or certification by the Board upon submission of evidence that the applicant, who is licensed or certified in another state, is relocating to the Commonwealth pursuant to a spouse's official military orders;

16. To register medication aides and promulgate regulations governing the criteria for such registration and standards of conduct for medication aides;

17. To approve training programs for medication aides to include requirements for instructional personnel, curriculum, continuing education, and a competency evaluation;

18. To set guidelines for the collection of data by all approved nursing education programs and to

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59 compile this data in an annual report. The data shall include but not be limited to enrollment, graduation
60 rate, attrition rate, and number of qualified applicants who are denied admission;

61 19. To develop, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy, guidelines for the training of employees
62 of child day programs as defined in § 22.1-289.02 and regulated by the Board of Education in the
63 administration of prescription drugs as defined in the Drug Control Act (§ 54.1-3400 et seq.). Such
64 training programs shall be taught by a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, doctor of medicine or
65 osteopathic medicine, or pharmacist;

66 20. In order to protect the privacy and security of health professionals licensed, registered or certified
67 under this chapter, to promulgate regulations permitting use on identification badges of first name and
68 first letter only of last name and appropriate title when practicing in hospital emergency departments, in
69 psychiatric and mental health units and programs, or in health care facility units offering treatment for
70 patients in custody of state or local law-enforcement agencies;

71 21. To revise, as may be necessary, guidelines for seizure management, in coordination with the
72 Board of Medicine, including the list of rescue medications for students with epilepsy and other seizure
73 disorders in the public schools. The revised guidelines shall be finalized and made available to the
74 Board of Education by August 1, 2010. The guidelines shall then be posted on the Department of
75 Education's website; and

76 22. To promulgate, together with the Board of Medicine, regulations governing the licensure of nurse
77 practitioners pursuant to § 54.1-2957 and the licensure of licensed certified midwives pursuant to §
78 54.1-2957.04.