**Center for Nursing**

This Act establishes a Center for Nursing to monitor the supply and demand for nursing in the state and to form policies to address recruiting and retaining nurses to work in the state.

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**Suggested Legislation**

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Section 1. [Short Title.] This Act may be cited as “An Act to Establish A Center for Nursing.”

Section 2. [Legislative Findings.] The Legislature finds that a Center for Nursing will repay the state's investment by providing an ongoing strategy for the allocation of the state's resources directed towards nursing. The primary goals for the Center shall be to:

1. Develop a strategic statewide plan for nursing manpower in this State by:
   a. Establishing and maintaining a database on nursing supply and demand in the State, to include current supply and demand, and future projections; and
   b. Selecting from the plan priorities to be addressed.

2. Convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to:
   a. Review and comment on data analysis prepared for the Center;
   b. Recommend systemic changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and
   c. Evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the Legislature and others.

3. Enhance and promote recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses in the State by:
   a. Promoting nursing excellence programs such as magnet recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center;
   b. Proposing and creating additional reward, recognition, and renewal activities for nurses; and
   c. Promoting media and positive image-building efforts for nursing.

Section 3. [Center for Nursing; Board of Directors.]

(1) The Center for Nursing shall be governed by a policy-setting board of directors. The Board shall consist of sixteen (16) members, with a simple majority of the Board being nurses representative of various practice areas. Other members shall include representatives of other health care professions, business and industry, health care providers, and consumers. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

   a. [Four (4)] members recommended by the [President of the Senate], at least [one (1)] of whom shall be a registered nurse recommended by the [state Organization of Nurse Executives] and at least [one (1)] other representative of the hospital industry recommended by the [state Hospital Association];
   b. [Four (4)] members recommended by the [Speaker of the House of Representatives], at least [one (1)] of whom shall be a registered nurse recommended by the [state Nurses Association] and at least [one (1)] other representative of the long-term care industry;
   c. [Four (4)] members recommended by the [Governor], [two (2)] of whom shall be registered nurses; and

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(d) [Four (4)] nurse educators recommended by the [state Board of Education], [one (1)] of whom shall be a [dean of a College of Nursing at a state university], [one (1)] other shall be a [director of a nursing program in a state community college].

(2) The initial terms of the members shall be as follows:

(a) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(a), [two (2)] shall be appointed for terms expiring [June 30, 2005], [one (1)] for a term expiring [June 30, 2004], and [one (1)] for a term expiring [June 30, 2003].

(b) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(b), [one (1)] shall be appointed for a term expiring [June 30, 2005], [two (2)] for terms expiring [June 30, 2004], and [one (1)] for a term expiring [June 20, 2003].

(c) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(c), [one (1)] shall be appointed for a term expiring [June 30, 2005], [one (1)] for a term expiring [June 30, 2004], and [two (2)] for terms expiring [June 30, 2003].

(d) Of the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(d), the terms of [two (2)] members recommended by the [state Board of Education] shall expire [June 30, 2005]; the term of the member who is a [dean of a College of Nursing at a state university] shall expire [June 30, 2004]; and the term of the member who is a [director of a state community college nursing program] shall expire [June 30, 2003]. After the initial appointments expire, the terms of all the members shall be for [three (3)] years, with no member serving more than [two (2)] consecutive terms.

(3) The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To employ an Executive Director.

(b) To determine operational policy.

(c) To elect a Chair and officers, to serve [2-year] terms. The Chair and officers may not succeed themselves.

(d) To establish committees of the Board as needed.

(e) To appoint a multidisciplinary advisory council for input and advice on policy matters.

(f) To implement the major functions of the center as established in the goals set out in this Act.

(g) To seek and accept non-state funds for sustaining the center and carrying out center policy.

(4) The members of the Board are entitled to receive per diem and allowances prescribed by law for state boards and commissions.

Section 4. [Center for Nursing: State Budget Support.] The [Legislature] finds that it is imperative that the State protect its investment and progress made in nursing efforts to date. The [Legislature] finds that the state Center for Nursing is the appropriate means to do so. The Center shall have state budget support for its operations so that it may have adequate resources for the tasks the [Legislature] has set out in this Act.

Section 5. [Severability.] [Insert severability clause.]

Section 6. [Repealer.] [Insert repealer clause.]

Section 7. [Effective Date.] [Insert effective date.]