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H.B. No. 4664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the approval and operation of vocational nursing educational programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 301.1575 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.1575. APPROVAL AND OPERATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The board may not adopt a rule applicable to the approval or operation of a vocational nursing educational program that:

(1) requires the applicant to submit, as part of the application for approval, letters in support of the program's proposed operation in the community;

(2) requires initial approval to be on a provisional basis;

(3) imposes a limit on enrollment;

(4) requires the program to have a licensing examination passage rate that exceeds:

(A) 80 percent for the first two academic years for which graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination;

or

(B) 70 percent for any subsequent academic year;

or

(5) prohibits a program with more than one campus from

1 combining licensing examination passage rates for graduates from
2 all campuses when determining the program's passage rate for an
3 academic year.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.