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H.B. No. 4684

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to nursing educational programs offered by for-profit entities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 301.1571 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.1571. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF FOR-PROFIT NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) The board may not approve an educational program offered by a for-profit entity unless the entity submits to the board:

(1) evidence satisfactory to the board that the program will not result in a decrease in the number of clinical practice positions available to students enrolled in nursing programs in institutions of higher education in the region in which the program will be offered;

(2) if applicable, passage rates for graduates of programs operated by the entity in other states on the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses or other nationally recognized nursing licensing examination; and

(3) a statement from the hospital or other facility at which the program's students will complete clinical training that the agreement with the entity will not result in a decrease in the

1 number of clinical practice positions available to students  
2 enrolled in nursing programs in institutions of higher education.

3 (c) The board may withdraw approval of an educational  
4 program offered by a for-profit entity if the board determines that  
5 the operation of the program has resulted in a decrease in the  
6 number of clinical practice positions available to students  
7 enrolled in nursing programs in institutions of higher education.

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