

Amend **CSHB 1** by adding a rider to the Special Provisions of Article III

Add a new rider to the Special Provisions section of Article III (Education) that reads as follows:

_____. The Legislature encourages institutions of higher education not to reduce the number of student full-time equivalents enrolled in programs preparing student for licensure as registered nurses in fiscal years ending August 31, 1004 and August 31, 2005 below the number of student full-time equivalents enrolled for fiscal year ending August 31, 2003. This provision shall not be construed as requiring any school to accept an unqualified applicant to its professional nursing program. In the event that a school falls below the required number of students enrolled in professional nursing program by more than 5% for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, the school shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the reasons for failing to meet the required enrollment.