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H.B. No. 2165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority to approve schools of nursing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 301.157, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The Board may not require accreditation of the governing institution of a school of nursing. The Board shall accept the requirements established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for accrediting the governing institution of a school of nursing.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act do not affect the approval of a school of nursing granted by the Board of Nurse Examiners under Section 301.157, Occupations Code, as that section existed before amendment by this Act. That approval continues according to its terms unless withdrawn or otherwise modified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under coordinating board rules and may be extended beyond the period for which the approval was granted only by the coordinating board.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.