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S.B. No. 139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to a study on improving the curricula of professional and vocational nursing education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0662 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0662. STUDY ON IMPROVING NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULA.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Professional nursing program" means an educational program for preparing students for initial licensure as registered nurses.

(2) "Vocational nursing program" means a school or program for preparing students for licensure as licensed vocational nurses.

(b) The board, in consultation with the Board of Nurse Examiners, shall conduct a study to identify methods to improve the curricula of professional and vocational nursing programs. The study must focus on methods to improve instruction on providing safe and high-quality nursing care to patients.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2008, the board shall complete the study required by Subsection (b) and submit to each institution of higher education or other entity that offers a professional or vocational nursing program in this state, the governor, and the legislature a report that includes specific,

1 detailed recommendations concerning methods to improve the
2 curricula of professional and vocational nursing programs,
3 including instruction relating to patient care.

4 (d) This section expires January 1, 2009.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.