

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 139
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 5, 2006; January 29, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; February 13, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; February 13, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a study on improving the curricula of professional and
1-9 vocational nursing education programs.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 61.0662 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 61.0662. STUDY ON IMPROVING NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULA.

1-14 (a) In this section:

1-15 (1) "Professional nursing program" means an
1-16 educational program for preparing students for initial licensure as
1-17 registered nurses.

1-18 (2) "Vocational nursing program" means a school or
1-19 program for preparing students for licensure as licensed vocational
1-20 nurses.

1-21 (b) The board, in consultation with the Board of Nurse
1-22 Examiners, shall conduct a study to identify methods to improve the
1-23 curricula of professional and vocational nursing programs. The
1-24 study must focus on methods to improve instruction on providing
1-25 safe and high-quality nursing care to patients.

1-26 (c) Not later than December 31, 2008, the board shall
1-27 complete the study required by Subsection (b) and submit to each
1-28 institution of higher education or other entity that offers a
1-29 professional or vocational nursing program in this state, the
1-30 governor, and the legislature a report that includes specific,
1-31 detailed recommendations concerning methods to improve the
1-32 curricula of professional and vocational nursing programs,
1-33 including instruction relating to patient care.

1-34 (d) This section expires January 1, 2009.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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