

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 198
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 198 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the recognition of hospitals with outstanding nursing
1-11 programs and a listing of hospital nursing staff information.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 104, Health and Safety
1-14 Code, is amended by adding Sections 104.017 and 104.018 to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 Sec. 104.017. RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL NURSING
1-17 PROGRAMS. (a) The statewide health coordinating council shall
1-18 establish a program to annually recognize hospitals with
1-19 outstanding nursing programs.

1-20 (b) The criteria the council uses in determining whether a
1-21 hospital's nursing program is eligible for recognition may include
1-22 a hospital's:

1-23 (1) record of attracting and retaining nurses;

1-24 (2) implementation of an orientation program for
1-25 nurses;

1-26 (3) implementation of a system to evaluate and address
1-27 patient, physician, or nurse concerns relating to the quality of
1-28 nursing practices and care;

1-29 (4) demonstration of concern for the health and
1-30 workplace safety of nurses;

1-31 (5) inclusion of a chief nursing officer as a
1-32 participating member of the hospital's executive team;

1-33 (6) demonstrated opportunities for professional
1-34 development and advancement of nursing staff;

1-35 (7) recognition of individuals who exemplify
1-36 excellence in nursing; and

1-37 (8) implementation of policies and procedures adopted
1-38 to address nursing staff complaints.

1-39 (c) A copy of the criteria used under Subsection (b) must be
1-40 made available on the council's Internet website and to a hospital
1-41 on request.

1-42 (d) The council shall recognize a hospital with an
1-43 outstanding nursing program by awarding a certificate and placing
1-44 the hospital's name on the council's Internet website.

1-45 Sec. 104.018. LISTING OF HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF
1-46 INFORMATION. (a) The statewide health coordinating council shall
1-47 create and maintain on its Internet website a list of the
1-48 information contained in each report submitted under Subsection
1-49 (b).

1-50 (b) A hospital may, but is not required to, annually report
1-51 to the council the following information for the calendar year
1-52 preceding the report:

1-53 (1) the name and location of the hospital;

1-54 (2) the average, maximum, and minimum number of:

1-55 (A) registered nurses on the hospital's staff;

1-56 (B) vocational nurses on the hospital's staff;

1-57 and

1-58 (C) advanced practice nurses on the hospital's

1-59 staff;

1-60 (3) the nurse-to-patient ratio;

1-61 (4) the average number of years of nursing experience

1-62 of the hospital's nursing staff; and

1-63 (5) other nursing staff information specified by the

2-1 council.
2-2 (c) The report must be in the form prescribed by the
2-3 council.
2-4 (d) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human
2-5 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement this
2-6 section.
2-7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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