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H.B. No. 3578

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the acceptable examination pass rate for nursing educational programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 301.157(d-2), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d-2) The board shall calculate for each calendar year the pass rate on applicable licensing examinations under this chapter for a school of nursing or educational program. If for the preceding three years the percentage of graduates of a school of nursing or educational program who pass the applicable licensing examination on the first try within six months of graduating from the school or completing the program is 80 percent or more, the school or program is considered to maintain an acceptable pass rate. A school of nursing or educational program that fails to meet or maintain an acceptable pass rate on applicable licensing examinations under this chapter is subject to review by the board. The board may assist the school or program in its effort to achieve compliance with the board's standards.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.