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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the approval and operation of vocational nursing educational programs.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 301.1575 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.1575.  APPROVAL AND OPERATION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The board may not adopt a rule applicable to the approval or operation of a vocational nursing educational program that:

(1)  requires the applicant to submit, as part of the application for approval, letters in support of the program's proposed operation in the community;

(2)  requires initial approval to be on a provisional basis;

(3)  imposes a limit on enrollment;

(4)  requires the program to have a licensing examination passage rate that exceeds:

(A)  80 percent for the first two academic years for which graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination; or

(B)  70 percent for any subsequent academic year; or

(5)  prohibits a program with more than one campus from combining licensing examination passage rates for graduates from all campuses when determining the program's passage rate for an academic year.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.