

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1429  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 2, 2023; March 16, 2023, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;  
 1-4 April 6, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 6, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of standardized examinations by a school of  
 1-20 nursing or educational program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 301.1571 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 301.1571. USE OF STANDARDIZED EXAMINATIONS. (a) The  
 1-25 board shall adopt rules related to the use by a school of nursing or  
 1-26 educational program offered in this state of a standardized  
 1-27 examination prepared by a private entity. The rules must prohibit  
 1-28 the use of a standardized examination as a graduation requirement  
 1-29 or to deny students an affidavit of graduation. The rules may  
 1-30 authorize the use of a standardized examination only to:

- 1-31 (1) familiarize students with computerized testing;
- 1-32 (2) assess potential or enrolled students for purposes

1-33 of:

1-34 (A) serving as one component of admissions  
 1-35 criteria;

1-36 (B) evaluating a student's strengths and  
 1-37 weaknesses for remediation purposes; or

1-38 (C) identifying students experiencing academic  
 1-39 difficulties who require early remediation; or

1-40 (3) assess the effectiveness of the school of nursing  
 1-41 or educational program by providing:

1-42 (A) trend data on student performance;

1-43 (B) a comparison of student performance with  
 1-44 nationwide averages;

1-45 (C) feedback of student knowledge of program  
 1-46 content;

1-47 (D) data to monitor the effectiveness of specific  
 1-48 course, level, and program curriculum revisions;

1-49 (E) a measure of student mastery of content; or

1-50 (F) an evaluation of the effectiveness of  
 1-51 curriculum content for revision purposes.

1-52 (b) The rules adopted under Subsection (a) must provide that  
 1-53 a score on a standardized examination may not account for more than  
 1-54 10 percent of a course grade for a course in a school of nursing or  
 1-55 educational program.

1-56 (c) A school of nursing or educational program that  
 1-57 determines a student is in need of academic remediation on the basis  
 1-58 of a standardized examination may not require the student to attend  
 1-59 any course offered by the examination provider.

1-60 (d) Failure to comply with the rules adopted under  
 1-61 Subsection (a) may subject the school of nursing or educational

2-1 program to disciplinary action, including removal of the school's  
2-2 or program's approval status, as determined by the board.

2-3 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
2-4 of this Act, the Texas Board of Nursing shall adopt the rules  
2-5 required by Section 301.1571, Occupations Code, as added by this  
2-6 Act.

2-7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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