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SENATE BILL No. 45

DIGEST OF SB 45 (Updated January 24, 2024 12:34 pm - DI 104)

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.

Synopsis: Trauma informed care. Requires the Indiana state board of nursing to study whether trauma informed care should be included as part of the required curriculum for nursing education programs. Requires an individual who holds an active license as a nurse and has direct patient contact to complete a trauma informed care training program within a specified time. Requires the employer of an employee who is required to obtain the training to maintain a record of the completion of the training in the employee's employment records. States that receiving the training as part of curriculum at a nursing education program satisfies the training requirement.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

Crider, Charbonneau

January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

January 25, 2024, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-1.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2024]: **Sec. 1.7. As used in this chapter, "trauma informed care"**
4 **refers to an approach used to provide health care to a patient that**
5 **acknowledges the effects of trauma and adversity on the patient.**
6 SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.69-2022,
7 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) The board shall do the following:
9 (1) Adopt under IC 4-22-2 rules necessary to enable it to carry
10 into effect this chapter.
11 (2) Prescribe standards and approve curricula for nursing
12 education programs preparing persons for licensure under this
13 chapter.
14 (3) Provide for surveys of such programs at such times as it
15 considers necessary.
16 (4) Accredite such programs as meet the requirements of this
17 chapter and of the board.

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- 1 (5) Deny or withdraw accreditation from nursing education
- 2 programs for failure to meet prescribed curricula or other
- 3 standards.
- 4 (6) Examine, license, and renew the license of qualified
- 5 applicants.
- 6 (7) Issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and
- 7 administer oaths to persons giving testimony at hearings.
- 8 (8) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating this chapter and
- 9 have power to incur necessary expenses for these prosecutions.
- 10 (9) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that do the following:
- 11 (A) Prescribe standards for the competent practice of
- 12 registered, practical, and advanced practice registered nursing.
- 13 (B) Establish with the approval of the medical licensing board
- 14 created by IC 25-22.5-2-1 requirements that advanced practice
- 15 registered nurses must meet to be granted authority to
- 16 prescribe legend drugs and to retain that authority.
- 17 (C) Establish, with the approval of the medical licensing board
- 18 created by IC 25-22.5-2-1, requirements for the renewal of a
- 19 practice agreement under section 19.4 of this chapter, which
- 20 shall expire on October 31 in each odd-numbered year.
- 21 (10) Keep a record of all its proceedings.
- 22 (11) Collect and distribute annually demographic information on
- 23 the number and type of registered nurses and licensed practical
- 24 nurses employed in Indiana.
- 25 (12) Adopt rules and administer the interstate nurse licensure
- 26 compact under IC 25-42.
- 27 (13) Adopt or amend rules to implement the nursing licensure by
- 28 endorsement available for foreign nursing school graduates under
- 29 sections 11 and 12 of this chapter.
- 30 (b) The board may do the following:
- 31 (1) Create ad hoc subcommittees representing the various nursing
- 32 specialties and interests of the profession of nursing. Persons
- 33 appointed to a subcommittee serve for terms as determined by the
- 34 board.
- 35 (2) Utilize the appropriate subcommittees so as to assist the board
- 36 with its responsibilities. The assistance provided by the
- 37 subcommittees may include the following:
- 38 (A) Recommendation of rules necessary to carry out the duties
- 39 of the board.
- 40 (B) Recommendations concerning educational programs and
- 41 requirements.
- 42 (C) Recommendations regarding examinations and licensure



1 of applicants.

2 (3) Appoint nurses to serve on each of the ad hoc subcommittees.

3 (c) Nurses appointed under subsection (b) must:

4 (1) be committed to advancing and safeguarding the nursing

5 profession as a whole; and

6 (2) represent nurses who practice in the field directly affected by

7 a subcommittee's actions.

8 **(d) The board shall study whether trauma informed care**

9 **training described in section 36 of this chapter should be included**

10 **as part of the required curriculum for nursing education**

11 **programs.**

12 SECTION 3. IC 25-23-1-36 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

13 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY

14 1, 2024]: **Sec. 36. (a) An individual who holds an active license**

15 **under this article and has direct contact with patients shall**

16 **complete a trauma informed care training program that meets one**

17 **(1) of the following:**

18 **(1) The trauma informed care training program provides a**

19 **foundational trauma informed care curriculum that includes**

20 **information on:**

21 **(A) the definition of trauma informed care;**

22 **(B) the prevalence and impact of trauma;**

23 **(C) trauma informed care as a universal precaution;**

24 **(D) the five (5) principles of trauma informed care;**

25 **(E) the difference between trauma informed treatment and**

26 **trauma specific treatment;**

27 **(F) practical strategies for adopting and integrating**

28 **trauma informed care into practice; and**

29 **(G) trauma informed care as a strategy to promote**

30 **resilience and prevent secondary traumatic stress in**

31 **nurses.**

32 **(2) The trauma informed care training program:**

33 **(A) is substantially equivalent to the curriculum described**

34 **in subdivision (1), as determined by the board; and**

35 **(B) has been approved by the board.**

36 **(b) The employer of an employee required to complete training**

37 **under this section shall maintain a record of the completion of the**

38 **training in the individual's employment records.**

39 **(c) An individual who meets the requirements under this section**

40 **to complete trauma informed care training under this section shall**

41 **complete the training not later than five (5) years from the date the**

42 **individual meets the requirements for the training.**



- 1 **(d) An individual who completes trauma informed care training**
- 2 **within a nursing education program satisfies the requirements of**
- 3 **this section.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 45, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.69-2022, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) The board shall do the following:

- (1) Adopt under IC 4-22-2 rules necessary to enable it to carry into effect this chapter.
- (2) Prescribe standards and approve curricula for nursing education programs preparing persons for licensure under this chapter.
- (3) Provide for surveys of such programs at such times as it considers necessary.
- (4) Accredite such programs as meet the requirements of this chapter and of the board.
- (5) Deny or withdraw accreditation from nursing education programs for failure to meet prescribed curricula or other standards.
- (6) Examine, license, and renew the license of qualified applicants.
- (7) Issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths to persons giving testimony at hearings.
- (8) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating this chapter and have power to incur necessary expenses for these prosecutions.
- (9) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that do the following:
 - (A) Prescribe standards for the competent practice of registered, practical, and advanced practice registered nursing.
 - (B) Establish with the approval of the medical licensing board created by IC 25-22.5-2-1 requirements that advanced practice registered nurses must meet to be granted authority to prescribe legend drugs and to retain that authority.
 - (C) Establish, with the approval of the medical licensing board created by IC 25-22.5-2-1, requirements for the renewal of a practice agreement under section 19.4 of this chapter, which shall expire on October 31 in each odd-numbered year.
- (10) Keep a record of all its proceedings.
- (11) Collect and distribute annually demographic information on



the number and type of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses employed in Indiana.

(12) Adopt rules and administer the interstate nurse licensure compact under IC 25-42.

(13) Adopt or amend rules to implement the nursing licensure by endorsement available for foreign nursing school graduates under sections 11 and 12 of this chapter.

(b) The board may do the following:

(1) Create ad hoc subcommittees representing the various nursing specialties and interests of the profession of nursing. Persons appointed to a subcommittee serve for terms as determined by the board.

(2) Utilize the appropriate subcommittees so as to assist the board with its responsibilities. The assistance provided by the subcommittees may include the following:

(A) Recommendation of rules necessary to carry out the duties of the board.

(B) Recommendations concerning educational programs and requirements.

(C) Recommendations regarding examinations and licensure of applicants.

(3) Appoint nurses to serve on each of the ad hoc subcommittees.

(c) Nurses appointed under subsection (b) must:

(1) be committed to advancing and safeguarding the nursing profession as a whole; and

(2) represent nurses who practice in the field directly affected by a subcommittee's actions.

(d) The board shall study whether trauma informed care training described in section 36 of this chapter should be included as part of the required curriculum for nursing education programs."

Page 1, line 8, delete "At least once every two (2) years, an" and insert "An".

Page 1, line 9, after "article" insert "**and has direct contact with patients**".

Page 2, delete lines 13 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) The employer of an employee required to complete training under this section shall maintain a record of the completion of the training in the individual's employment records.

(c) An individual who meets the requirements under this section to complete trauma informed care training under this section shall



complete the training not later than five (5) years from the date the individual meets the requirements for the training.

(d) An individual who completes trauma informed care training within a nursing education program satisfies the requirements of this section."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 45 as introduced.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

