

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

NURSES/NURSING PROGRAMS: Provides relative to the student passage rate required by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:936, relative to accreditation for nursing programs; to provide for the
3 student passage rate of first-time writers and repeaters of a graduating class
4 completing a nursing degree; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:936 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §936. Accreditation requirements; nursing education degree programs

8 In order for a nursing education degree program to be accredited or to have
9 its accreditation renewed by the board, the most recent graduating class of the
10 program shall have a passage rate of eighty percent or greater achieved on the
11 National Council Licensure Examination for first-time writers and repeaters who
12 pass for the most recent calendar year. If the eighty percent or greater passage rate
13 is not met by the most recent graduating class of the program, then the board may
14 take adverse action against the program.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that nursing education degree programs shall be accredited by or review its accreditation from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing based upon passage rates on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) from the most recent calendar year.

Present administrative rule provides that a nursing education degree program shall be subject to probation if 80% of first-time takers, who have recently completed the degree program, do not pass the NCLEX within one calendar year, January to December.

Proposed law provides that a nursing education degree program shall be subject to probation if 80% of first-time writers and repeaters, who recently completed the degree program, do not pass the NCLEX based on the most recent calendar year after graduation.

Proposed law provides that if the most recent graduating class of the nursing education program does not meet the 80% or greater achieved on the NCLEX, then the La. State Board of Nursing may take adverse action against the program.

(Adds R.S. 37:936)