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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1615

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1615 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
5 recognizes:

6 (1) There is a growing shortage of nurses working in  
7 Illinois health care facilities, which is most profound in  
8 Southern Illinois.

9 (2) Nurse employers, including hospitals and long-term  
10 care facilities, cannot hire the number of nurses they need to  
11 provide quality nursing care.

12 (3) The purpose of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center  
13 is to address issues of supply and demand in the nursing  
14 profession, including issues of recruitment, retention, and  
15 utilization of nurse manpower resources.

16 (4) The Center reports that the Department of Financial  
17 and Professional Regulation provides nursing licenses, as of

1 June 2022, in the following amounts: 17,931 advanced practice  
2 registered nurse licenses; 200,600 registered nurse licenses;  
3 and 25,978 licensed practical nurse licenses.

4 (5) The number of licenses does not equate to the number of  
5 nurses currently in the workforce in Illinois as many nurses  
6 renew their licenses even after retirement.

7 (6) There have been nursing surveys, but they have been  
8 voluntary. For instance, in 2020, only 22% of nurses responded  
9 to surveys.

10 (7) Strategies and changes are necessary to solving the  
11 nursing shortage. There needs to be accurate and complete  
12 data.

13 (8) Illinois must know whether there are regional  
14 shortages of nurses, shortages of nurses in specialty areas,  
15 or impediments to entering the nursing profession. A required  
16 survey will address these and other nurse shortage issues.

17 Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing  
18 Section 75-10 as follows:

19 (225 ILCS 65/75-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/17-10)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

21 Sec. 75-10. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center. The purpose  
22 of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center to address issues of  
23 supply and demand in the nursing profession, including issues  
24 of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse manpower

1 resources. The General Assembly finds that the Center will  
2 enhance the access to and delivery of quality health care  
3 services by providing an ongoing strategy for the allocation  
4 of the State's resources directed towards nursing. Each of the  
5 following objectives shall serve as the primary goals for the  
6 Center:

7 (1) To develop a strategic plan for nursing workforce  
8 in the State by selecting priorities to be addressed,  
9 including: ~~manpower in Illinois by selecting priorities~~  
10 that must be addressed.

11 (A) For license renewals beginning in 2024 and  
12 each renewal thereafter, to develop and require the  
13 completion of a supply survey of all licensed nurses,  
14 including licensed practical nurses, registered  
15 nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses, at  
16 initial licensure and each license renewal thereafter.  
17 The survey shall use the National Forum of State  
18 Nursing Workforce Centers Minimum Nurse Supply  
19 Dataset. The Center shall compile, process, and  
20 evaluate the survey findings and report to the  
21 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
22 of the House of Representatives with recommendations.

23 (B) No later than 2027, to develop a nurse demand  
24 and employer survey to be collected biennially. The  
25 survey shall use the National Forum of State Nursing  
26 Workforce Centers Minimum Nurse Demand Dataset. The

1           Center shall compile, process, and evaluate the survey  
2           findings and report to the Governor, the President of  
3           the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
4           Representatives with recommendations by no later than  
5           December 31, 2029.

6           (2) To convene various groups of representatives of  
7           nurses, other health care providers, businesses and  
8           industries, consumers, legislators, and educators,  
9           including 2 representatives of a labor organization  
10           recognized under the National Labor Relations Act  
11           representing active registered professional nurses  
12           licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional  
13           Regulation, appointed by the Secretary of Financial and  
14           Professional Regulation, to :

15                   (A) review and comment on data analysis prepared  
16                   by for the Center; and

17                   (B) recommend systemic changes, including  
18                   strategies for implementation of recommended changes.

19           (3) To enhance and promote recognition, reward, and  
20           renewal activities for nurses in the State Illinois by:

21                   (A) proposing and creating reward, recognition,  
22                   and renewal activities for nursing; and

23                   (B) promoting positive media and ~~positive~~  
24                   image-building efforts for nursing.

25           (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".