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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1615

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

5 "Section 1. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
6 finds:

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

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

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

17 (4) The Center reports that the Department of

1 Financial and Professional Regulation provides nursing  
2 licenses, as of June 2022, in the following amounts:  
3 17,931 advanced practice registered nurse licenses;  
4 200,600 registered nurse licenses; and 25,978 licensed  
5 practical nurse licenses.

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

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

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

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

20 Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing  
21 Sections 75-10 and 75-15 as follows:

22 (225 ILCS 65/75-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/17-10)

23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

24 Sec. 75-10. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center. The purpose

1 of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center to address issues of  
2 supply and demand in the nursing profession, including issues  
3 of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse manpower  
4 resources. The General Assembly finds that the Center will  
5 enhance the access to and delivery of quality health care  
6 services by providing an ongoing strategy for the allocation  
7 of the State's resources directed towards nursing. Each of the  
8 following objectives shall serve as the primary goals for the  
9 Center:

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

14 (A) For license renewals beginning in 2024 and  
15 each renewal thereafter, to develop and require all  
16 licensed nurses, including licensed practical nurses,  
17 registered nurses, and advanced practice registered  
18 nurses, respond to the Center's nursing workforce  
19 supply survey. Applicants shall respond to the  
20 Center's nursing workforce supply survey in  
21 conjunction with license renewal. However, license  
22 renewal shall not be contingent upon responding to the  
23 Center's nursing workforce supply survey and failure  
24 to respond to the Center's nursing workforce supply  
25 survey shall not result in encumbrance of the  
26 applicant's license. The survey shall use the National

1           Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers Minimum Nurse  
2           Supply Dataset. The Center shall compile, process, and  
3           evaluate the survey findings and report to the  
4           Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
5           of the House of Representatives with recommendations.

6           As used in this subsection, "nursing workforce  
7           supply survey" means the nursing workforce supply  
8           survey conducted biennially by the Center that asks  
9           nurses to provide information about their  
10           demographics, specialty, setting of work, and other  
11           information necessary to inform the State on the  
12           status and characteristics of the State's nursing  
13           workforce.

14           (B) No later than 2027, to develop a nurse demand  
15           and employer survey to be collected biennially. The  
16           survey shall use the National Forum of State Nursing  
17           Workforce Centers Minimum Nurse Demand Dataset. The  
18           Center shall compile, process, and evaluate the survey  
19           findings and report to the Governor, the President of  
20           the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
21           Representatives with recommendations.

22           (2) To convene various groups of representatives of  
23           nurses, other health care providers, businesses and  
24           industries, consumers, legislators, and educators to:

25                   (A) review and comment on data analysis prepared  
26           by for the Center; and

1 (B) recommend systemic changes, including  
2 strategies for implementation of recommended changes.

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

5 (A) proposing and creating reward, recognition,  
6 and renewal activities for nursing; and

7 (B) promoting positive media and ~~positive~~  
8 image-building efforts for nursing.

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

10 (225 ILCS 65/75-15) (was 225 ILCS 65/17-15)

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

12 Sec. 75-15. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory  
13 Board.

14 (a) There is created the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center  
15 Advisory Board, which shall consist of 11 members appointed by  
16 the Secretary, with 6 members of the Advisory Board being  
17 nurses representative of various nursing specialty areas and 2  
18 members representing a labor organization recognized under the  
19 National Labor Relations Act that represents active registered  
20 professional nurses licensed by the Department of Financial  
21 and Professional Regulation. The other 3 ~~5~~ members may include  
22 representatives of associations, health care providers,  
23 nursing educators, and consumers.

24 (b) The membership of the Advisory Board shall reasonably  
25 reflect representation from the geographic areas in this

1 State.

2 (c) Members of the Advisory Board appointed by the  
3 Secretary shall serve for terms of 4 years, with no member  
4 serving more than 10 successive years. A member shall serve  
5 until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified.  
6 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original  
7 appointments, and any member so appointed shall serve during  
8 the remainder of the term for which the vacancy occurred.

9 (d) A quorum of the Advisory Board shall consist of a  
10 majority of Advisory Board members currently serving. A  
11 majority vote of the quorum is required for Advisory Board  
12 decisions. A vacancy in the membership of the Advisory Board  
13 shall not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all of the  
14 rights and perform all of the duties of the Advisory Board.

15 (e) The Secretary may remove any appointed member of the  
16 Advisory Board for misconduct, incapacity, or neglect of duty  
17 and shall be the sole judge of the sufficiency of the cause for  
18 removal.

19 (f) Members of the Advisory Board are immune from suit in  
20 any action based upon any activities performed in good faith  
21 as members of the Advisory Board.

22 (g) Members of the Advisory Board shall not receive  
23 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual traveling,  
24 incidentals, and expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out  
25 their duties as members of the Advisory Board, as approved by  
26 the Department.

1           (h) The Advisory Board shall meet annually to elect a  
2 chairperson and vice chairperson.

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

4           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.".