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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/2310-228 new

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department to establish and administer a nursing workforce database. Provides that the objective of establishing the database shall be the collection and analysis of data that is related to nursing and to the nursing workforce, so that conclusions may be drawn relating to current nursing supply, demand, and workforce concerns in the State and to future workforce projections and needs. Sets forth the information that must be contained in the database. Provides that no later than January 15, 2006, the Department shall submit a report to the Governor and members of the General Assembly regarding the development of the database and the effectiveness of its use.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1   AN ACT concerning the Department of Public Health.

2   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3   **represented in the General Assembly:**

4   Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and

5   Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is

6   amended by adding Section 2310-228 as follows:

7   (20 ILCS 2310/2310-228 new)

8   Sec. 2310-228. Nursing workforce database.

9   (a) The Department shall establish and administer a nursing

10   workforce database. The database shall be assembled and

11   maintained with the assistance of the Department of

12   Professional Regulation, the Department of Labor, the

13   Department of Employment Security, and any other State agency

14   or department with access to nursing and nursing

15   workforce-related information.

16   (b) The objective of establishing the database shall be the

17   collection and analysis of data related to nursing and to the

18   nursing workforce, so that conclusions may be drawn relating to

19   current nursing supply, demand, and workforce concerns in the

20   State and to future workforce projections and needs. The

21   information to be collected and analyzed shall include, but not

22   be limited to, all of the following:

23   (1) Nursing supply and demand, including issues

24   relating to the recruitment and retention of nurses and the

25   effective and efficient use of nursing workforce

26   resources.

27   (2) Analysis and acuity measurements relating to

28   nursing quality, including patient classification systems,

29   patient outcomes, the amount of direct nursing care, and

30   outcomes indicators.

31   (3) Research concerning nurse classifications to

32   ensure that distinctions in the scope of practicing and

1   practice settings are identified and analyzed, including

2   registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced

3   practice nurses.

4   (4) Information compiled by other sources, including

5   national associations, institutions of higher learning,

6   medical journals, and State medical societies, that

7   facilitates the analysis of the correlations between nurse

8   staffing issues and patient outcomes and the quality of

9   patient care.

10   (5) State, regional, and local nursing shortages.

11   (6) The extent to which unlicensed personnel are used

12   in the health care field and the impact upon nursing

13   staffing, quality, and patient care.

14   (c) To accomplish the objectives set forth in subsection

15   (b), information obtained and assembled by the Department into

16   a database may be used by the Department, medical institutions

17   and societies, and other interested parties to assess current

18   and projected nursing workforce shortfalls and develop

19   strategies for overcoming them; to more effectively conduct

20   analysis of (i) patient classification systems and outcomes,

21   (ii) nursing workload comparisons, including the amount of

22   direct nursing care, (iii) outcomes indicators, and (iv) other

23   research conducted to ensure quality patient care and nursing

24   competence; to publish or distribute information regarding

25   conclusions to be drawn from the database information; to

26   recommend systemic changes and strategies for their

27   implementation; and to share and collaborate with other states

28   that collect health data, nursing workforce outcomes, and

29   quantitative information related to direct nursing care.

30   Additionally, schools of nursing may use the database to assist

31   in determining enrollment, educational curriculum, and related

32   nursing workforce educational issues and needs.

33   (d) No later than January 15, 2006, the Department shall

34   submit a report to the Governor and to the members of the

35   General Assembly regarding the development of the database and

36   the effectiveness of its use.