

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25640

Current statute requires nurses serving on the Board of Nursing be an LPN, an RN or an APRN. The statute further requires that three of the five RN members be educated at the associate degree level, two educated at the baccalaureate level or higher, and one member may be a diploma nurse. These are artificial restrictions on membership that have been a disincentive to otherwise qualified candidates, discourage current members from furthering their education and careers, are inconsistent with Institute of Medicine recommendations for engagement in continuous lifelong learning, and are unnecessary impediments to public service. The legislation proposes removing these restrictions.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no fiscal impact to the state General Fund or the Board of Nursing's dedicated fund. This legislation amends requirements related to board member eligibility and does not require resources to implement.

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