

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO NURSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1406, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A RE-
2 QUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST APPROVE ANY CURRICULUM
3 OR RULE CHANGE IN A NURSING PROGRAM THAT MAY ALTER EXISTING ARTICULATION
4 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-
5 RECTIONS.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 54-1406. NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Approval.

11 (a~~1~~) Qualifications. Persons and institutions desiring to offer or
12 conduct approved nursing education programs in the state of Idaho shall com-
13 ply herewith. Approval shall be conditioned upon and subject to continuing
14 compliance with standards adopted by the board respecting faculty, staff,
15 curriculum, administration, financial stability and other matters affect-
16 ing the quality of nursing education. ~~However, any curriculum or rule change~~
17 ~~considered by the board which may alter existing articulation agreements be-~~
18 ~~tween educational institutions, or existing nursing programs of the eleven~~
19 ~~(11) month LPN, the two (2) year associate degree/RN, or the four (4) year~~
20 ~~baccalaureate degree must be approved by the state board of education prior~~
21 ~~to implementation.~~

22 (b~~2~~) Initial compliance. Upon receipt of an application hereunder, a
23 survey of the program, including clinical facilities and affiliated insti-
24 tutions, shall be made under the direction of the executive director and a
25 written report of the findings shall be submitted to the board. If the board
26 determines that the standards have been met, it shall issue a certificate of
27 approval.

28 (c~~3~~) Continuing compliance. To ~~insure~~ ensure the continuing compli-
29 ance with adopted standards, all approved nursing education programs shall
30 be surveyed and reviewed periodically under the direction of the executive
31 director. Written reports of the findings shall be submitted to the board.
32 In the event any program fails to maintain compliance required by this sec-
33 tion, the board may withdraw its prior certification, or impose such condi-
34 tions and restrictions as may secure compliance within a reasonable period
35 of time by notification in writing and specifying the reasons for the action.
36 Action against any existing program must be based upon fact and subject to
37 appeal as provided for administrative action pursuant to chapter 52, title
38 67, Idaho Code.