

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 401—ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI

MARCH 24, 2023

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing schools of nursing. (BDR 54-1042)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to nursing; imposing requirements governing the ratio of faculty members to students in courses that provide clinical training at schools of practical nursing and at schools of professional nursing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) authorizes the State Board of Nursing to establish standards
2 and curricula for schools of practical nursing; and (2) requires the Board to
3 establish standards and curricula for schools of professional nursing. (NRS
4 632.430, 632.440) Existing regulations require that a course at such a school
5 relating to the care of patients have at least one member of the faculty for every
6 eight students. (NAC 632.675) Section 1 of this bill instead requires a course that
7 provides clinical training at such a school to be supervised by at least one member
8 of the faculty for every twelve students. Sections 2 and 3 of this bill make
9 conforming changes to indicate the proper placement and applicability of section 1
10 in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Chapter 632 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. Each course that provides clinical training at an approved
4 school of practical nursing or at an approved school of
5 professional nursing must be supervised by at least one member of
6 the faculty for every twelve students.



1 **2. The Board may not impose requirements that are more**
2 **stringent than the requirements of subsection 1 concerning the**
3 **ratio of faculty members to students for a course to which that**
4 **subsection applies.**

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 632.0126 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 632.0126 “Approved school of nursing” means a school of
7 nursing that is approved by the Board as meeting the standards for
8 nursing education established by the Board pursuant to NRS
9 632.430 to 632.470, inclusive **[H]**, **and section 1 of this act.**

10 **Sec. 3.** NRS 632.01264 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 632.01264 “Approved school of professional nursing” means a
12 school of professional nursing that is approved by the Board as
13 meeting the standards for professional nursing education established
14 by the Board pursuant to NRS 632.440, 632.460 and 632.470 **[H]** **and**
15 **section 1 of this act.**

16 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

