

Assembly Bill No. 401–Assemblywoman Jauregui

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to nursing; revising provisions 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:**

Existing law: (1) authorizes the State Board of Nursing to establish standards and curricula for schools of practical nursing; and (2) requires the Board to establish standards and curricula for schools of professional nursing. (NRS 632.430, 632.440) Existing regulations require that a course at such a school relating to the care of patients have at least one member of the faculty for every eight students. (NAC 632.675) **Section 1** of this bill instead authorizes such a school to determine the appropriate ratio of faculty members to students for a course that provides clinical training while requiring that such a ratio not exceed 1 member of the faculty for every 12 students. **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill make conforming changes to indicate the proper placement and applicability of **section 1** in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

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

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

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

*1. An approved school of practical nursing or an approved school of professional nursing may determine the appropriate ratio of faculty members to students for a course that provides clinical training, provided that such a ratio not exceed 1 member of the faculty for every 12 students.*

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

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

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

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

632.01264 “Approved school of professional nursing” means a school of professional nursing that is approved by the Board as



meeting the standards for professional nursing education established by the Board pursuant to NRS 632.440, 632.460 and 632.470 **[H]** *and section 1 of this act.*

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

