

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; 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:**

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 authorizes such a  
7 school to determine the appropriate ratio of faculty members to students for a  
8 course that provides clinical training while requiring that such a ratio not exceed 1  
9 member of the faculty for every 12 students. **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill make  
10 conforming changes to indicate the proper placement and applicability of **section 1**  
11 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. An approved school of practical nursing or an approved*  
4 *school of professional nursing may determine the appropriate*  
5 *ratio of faculty members to students for a course that provides*



1 *clinical training, provided that such a ratio not exceed 1 member*  
2 *of the faculty for every 12 students.*

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

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

8 632.0126 “Approved school of nursing” means a school of  
9 nursing that is approved by the Board as meeting the standards for  
10 nursing education established by the Board pursuant to NRS  
11 632.430 to 632.470, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1 of this act.*

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

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

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

