

SENATE BILL NO. 324—SENATORS SEEVERS GANSERT, TITUS,
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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing schools of nursing.
(BDR 54-918)

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

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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 courses that provide clinical training at schools of practical nursing and at schools of professional nursing; requiring the Board to adopt standards for schools of practical 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 such 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 ten students. **Section 1** also requires the Board to establish
9 requirements governing the supervision of such a course by an adjunct faculty
10 member who is not an employee of the school. **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill make
11 conforming changes to indicate the proper placement of **section 1** in the Nevada
12 Revised Statutes. **Section 4** of this bill removes authorization for the Board to
13 establish standards and curricula for schools of practical nursing and instead
14 requires the Board to adopt such standards and curricula.



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 ten students. The Board may not impose*
7 *requirements that are more stringent than the requirements of this*
8 *subsection concerning the ratio of faculty members to students for*
9 *such a course.*

10 **2.** *The standards adopted pursuant to NRS 632.430 and*
11 *632.440 must authorize and establish requirements governing the*
12 *supervision of a course that provides clinical training at an*
13 *approved school of practical nursing or at an approved school of*
14 *professional nursing by an adjunct faculty member who is not an*
15 *employee of the school of nursing.*

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

17 632.0126 “Approved school of nursing” means a school of
18 nursing that is approved by the Board as meeting the standards for
19 nursing education established by the Board pursuant to NRS
20 632.430 to 632.470, inclusive ~~§~~, and *section 1 of this act.*

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

22 632.01264 “Approved school of professional nursing” means a
23 school of professional nursing that is approved by the Board as
24 meeting the standards for professional nursing education established
25 by the Board pursuant to NRS 632.440, 632.460 and 632.470 ~~§~~ and
26 *section 1 of this act.*

27 **Sec. 4.** NRS 632.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 632.430 1. The Board ~~may~~ *shall* prescribe standards and
29 curricula for schools of practical nursing, visit, survey and approve
30 those schools, and remove those schools from a list of approved
31 schools of nursing for just cause.

32 2. A school of practical nursing in this State must be:

33 (a) An accredited school of practical nursing; or

34 (b) An approved school of practical nursing in the process of
35 obtaining accreditation.

36 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
37 approval.

38 2. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act become effective:

39 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
40 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
41 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and



1 (b) On July 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

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