

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB 814

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Wagner, Frank W.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Nursing education programs; minimum examination passage rates

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires approved nursing education programs to maintain a minimum passage rate among graduates taking the national licensing examination required for licensure as a professional or practical nurse. The program must maintain a passage rate for initial examinations that is not lower than 10 percentage points less than the national average passage rate. If a nursing program fails to maintain a satisfactory passage rate in two consecutive years, the Board of Nursing must make a survey of the program and may place the program on conditional approval with terms and conditions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required by this legislation, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined

8. Fiscal Implications: It is expected that the proposal will have a fiscal impact on the Board of Nursing and its members as it may increase the number of site visits and proceedings required for nursing education programs. However, an exact impact cannot be calculated since the legislation's standard of ten percent below the national average is a moving target and the number of programs that will fall below that standard is not known. It is anticipated that many of the additional expenses experienced by the Board would be offset by the existing fee of \$1,500 that programs pays for a site visit relating to maintenance of examination scores at the required level. Conversely, there may be some licensed practical nursing education programs that do not meet current standards of 80 percent passage rate that would meet the standard included in the proposed bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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