

House File 306 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 72)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the requirements for nurse aide training and
2 testing programs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NURSE AIDE TRAINING AND TESTING PROGRAMS.

2 1. Pursuant to chapter 249A, the department of human
3 services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide
4 policies and procedures governing the department of inspections
5 and appeals, as the designated department to approve nurse aide
6 training and testing programs. The rules shall provide for all
7 of the following:

8 a. The utilization of online course curricula to meet the
9 required minimum of thirty hours of classroom instruction.
10 However, online instruction shall only include the didactic
11 theory component of the curriculum. Required laboratory
12 experience and supervised clinical training shall be provided
13 in a face-to-face environment.

14 b. A definition of clock hours for the purposes of meeting
15 the required minimum of seventy-five clock hours of training
16 to include classroom instruction, prior equivalent experience,
17 or both.

18 c. A process to allow a veteran, as defined in section 35.1,
19 to be deemed to satisfy the nurse aide training requirements
20 based upon the training and experience acquired through the
21 veteran's service and to receive a nurse aide certificate of
22 completion. However, a veteran shall still be required to
23 successfully complete the nurse aide competency evaluation in
24 order to meet all requirements for inclusion on the state's
25 nurse aide registry.

26 2. This Act shall not be interpreted to affect the existing
27 provision by community colleges of nurse aide training
28 certificates of completion and verification of successful
29 completion of the competency evaluation necessary for inclusion
30 of a nurse aide in the state's nurse aide registry.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill relates to nurse aide training and testing
35 requirements.

1 The bill directs the department of human services (DHS) to
2 adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A to provide policies
3 and procedures governing the department of inspections and
4 appeals as the designated department to approve nurse aide
5 training and testing programs. The rules are to provide for
6 all of the following:

7 1. The utilization of online course curricula to meet
8 the required minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction.
9 However, the online instruction is only to cover the didactic
10 theory component of the curriculum. Required laboratory
11 experience and supervised clinical training shall be provided
12 in a face-to-face environment.

13 2. A definition of clock hours to include classroom
14 instruction, prior equivalent experience, or both.

15 3. A process for a veteran to be deemed to satisfy the
16 nurse aide training requirements based upon the training
17 and experience acquired through the veteran's service and
18 to receive a nurse aide training certificate of completion.
19 However, the veteran must still successfully complete the nurse
20 aide competency evaluation in order to meet all requirements
21 for inclusion on the state's nurse aide registry.

22 The bill provides that the bill is not to be interpreted to
23 affect the existing provision by community colleges of nurse
24 aide training certificates of completion and verification of
25 successful completion of the competency evaluation necessary
26 for inclusion of a nurse aide in the state's nurse aide
27 registry.