

1-1 By: Darby (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 3078
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 14, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 14, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Seliger</u>	X		
1-10	<u>West</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Bettencourt</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Burton</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Menéndez</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Perry</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Watson</u>	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3078 By: Seliger

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the creation of an advisory committee to recommend a
1-20 uniform pre-nursing curriculum for undergraduate professional
1-21 nursing programs offered by public institutions of higher
1-22 education.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 61.0261 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 61.0261. UNIFORM PRE-NURSING CURRICULUM ADVISORY
1-27 COMMITTEE. (a) In this section:

1-28 (1) "Pre-nursing curriculum" means a curriculum
1-29 designed to prepare students for enrollment in an undergraduate
1-30 professional nursing program.

1-31 (2) "Undergraduate professional nursing program"
1-32 means an educational program for preparing students for initial
1-33 licensure as registered nurses.

1-34 (b) The Uniform Pre-Nursing Curriculum Advisory Committee
1-35 is created to develop and make recommendations on a uniform
1-36 pre-nursing curriculum for undergraduate professional nursing
1-37 programs offered by institutions of higher education. The advisory
1-38 committee consists of at least 16 members as follows:

1-39 (1) the commissioner of higher education or the
1-40 commissioner's designee;

1-41 (2) the executive director of the Texas Board of
1-42 Nursing or the executive director's designee;

1-43 (3) two representatives of professional nursing
1-44 associations, appointed by the board; and

1-45 (4) a representative from the undergraduate
1-46 professional nursing programs offered by at least 12 institutions
1-47 of higher education, appointed by the board in accordance with the
1-48 following:

1-49 (A) at least three representatives must be from
1-50 junior colleges;

1-51 (B) at least three representatives must be from
1-52 general academic teaching institutions; and

1-53 (C) at least three representatives must be from
1-54 health science centers.

1-55 (c) The members of the advisory committee may not receive
1-56 compensation for their service.

1-57 (d) The advisory committee shall assess, as of September 1,
1-58 2015:

1-59 (1) the prerequisite courses that are required for
1-60 each undergraduate professional nursing program in this state; and

2-1 (2) the ability of a student to use course credit
2-2 earned at one institution of higher education to qualify for
2-3 consideration for admission to an undergraduate professional
2-4 nursing program offered by another institution of higher education.

2-5 (e) The advisory committee shall develop and make
2-6 recommendations regarding the creation of a uniform pre-nursing
2-7 curriculum. Recommendations under this section must specify:

2-8 (1) the prerequisite courses that a student must
2-9 complete to qualify for consideration for admission to each
2-10 undergraduate professional nursing program offered by an
2-11 institution of higher education; and

2-12 (2) the content for the courses under Subdivision (1).

2-13 (f) Not later than December 1, 2016, the advisory committee
2-14 shall prepare and submit to the legislature and to each standing
2-15 legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over higher
2-16 education a report containing the committee's findings under this
2-17 section, including the recommended uniform pre-nursing curriculum.

2-18 (g) This section expires January 1, 2017.

2-19 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2016, the Texas Higher
2-20 Education Coordinating Board shall make the appointments to the
2-21 Uniform Pre-Nursing Curriculum Advisory Committee required under
2-22 Section 61.0261(b), Education Code, as added by this Act.

2-23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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