

1-1 By: Howard, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Buckingham) H.B. No. 280
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2017;
 1-3 May 11, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a grant program for reducing workplace violence against
 1-20 nurses.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 105, Health and Safety Code, is amended
 1-23 by adding Section 105.011 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 105.011. WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM.

1-25 (a) To the extent funding is available, the nursing resource
 1-26 section established under Section 105.002 shall administer a grant
 1-27 program to fund innovative approaches for reducing verbal and
 1-28 physical violence against nurses in hospitals, freestanding
 1-29 emergency medical care facilities, nursing facilities, and home
 1-30 health agencies.

1-31 (b) The nursing resource section shall require a grant
 1-32 recipient to submit periodic reports describing the outcome of the
 1-33 activities funded through the grant, including any change in the
 1-34 severity and frequency of verbal and physical violence against
 1-35 nurses.

1-36 (c) The nursing advisory committee established by Section
 1-37 104.0155 shall serve in an advisory capacity for the grant program.

1-38 (d) The department shall provide administrative assistance
 1-39 to the nursing resource section in administering the grant program
 1-40 under this section.

1-41 (e) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules to
 1-42 implement the grant program, including rules governing the
 1-43 submission and approval of grant requests and establishing a
 1-44 reporting procedure for grant recipients.

1-45 (f) The nursing resource section may use money transferred
 1-46 to the department from the Texas Board of Nursing under Section
 1-47 301.155, Occupations Code, to fund the grants authorized by this
 1-48 section.

1-49 (g) At least annually, the nursing resource section shall
 1-50 publish a report describing the grants awarded under this section,
 1-51 including the amount of the grant, the purpose of the grant, and the
 1-52 reported outcome of the approach adopted by the grant recipient.

1-53 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-54 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 1-55 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement
 1-56 Section 105.011, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

1-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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