

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
May 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.008, Nursing Education

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.008, Nursing Education.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.008, Nursing Education, outlines requirements for administering the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund and the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Fund.

During the 2024 session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 7016 which was signed into law by Governor DeSantis. The new law modifies the minimum criteria for nursing programs to be eligible for LINE funding. The law increased the minimum first-time passage rate for nursing programs on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) from 70 to 75 percent. The law also requires that the NCLEX passage rate be based on a minimum of 10 testing participants.

Also, during the 2024 session, the Florida Legislature passed House 917, which was signed into law by Governor DeSantis. This law repeals the Talent Development Council and shifts required reports to the Council to the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH Office).

Board staff propose an amendment to Regulation 8.008 to align with the changes in the two new laws. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days. If no concerns are raised during that time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the proposed amendment to the regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Regulation 8.008, Nursing Education
2. Senate Bill 7016 and House Bill 917

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