

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 2

5 By: Senator Gullett  
6 By: Representatives Dees, Lendall  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE  
11 COMMISSION ON NURSING.

### Subtitle

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15 COMMISSION ON NURSING.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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#### SECTION 1. Purpose.

21 The purposes of this act are:

22 (1) To study the status of the nursing and nurse educator shortage in  
23 Arkansas and the economic impact of these shortages on the healthcare  
24 industry;

25 (2) To project the need for nurses and nurse educators in the state  
26 over the next ten (10) years;

27 (3) To develop a strategic statewide plan to ensure an appropriately  
28 prepared nursing and nurse educator workforce;

29 (4) To convene stakeholders from nursing education, the healthcare  
30 industry, business, the legislature, and the public; and

31 (5) To enhance and promote recruitment, retention, advancement,  
32 recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses in Arkansas.  
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#### SECTION 2. Arkansas Legislative Commission on Nursing.

35 (a)(1) There is established the Arkansas Legislative Commission on  
36 Nursing to be composed of the following voting members:



1                   (A) Two (2) members of the House Interim Committee on  
2 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the Chair of the committee;

3                   (B) Two (2) members of the Senate Interim Committee on  
4 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the Chair of the committee;

5                   (C) One (1) member of the House Interim Committee on  
6 Education appointed by the Chair of the committee; and

7                   (D) One (1) member of the Senate Interim Committee on  
8 Education appointed by the Chair of the committee; and

9           (2) The following nonvoting members:

10                   (A) The President and the Executive Director of the  
11 Arkansas Nurses Association;

12                   (B) The President of the Arkansas Nursing Students  
13 Association or a designee;

14                   (C) The President and the Executive Director of the State  
15 Board of Nursing;

16                   (D) The President of the Arkansas Organization of Nurse  
17 Executives or a designee;

18                   (E) The President of the Little Rock Black Nurses  
19 Association or a designee;

20                   (F) The President of the Public Health Nurses Association  
21 or a designee;

22                   (G) The President of the Licensed Practical Nurses  
23 Association or a designee;

24                   (H) The President of the Nurse Administrators of Nursing  
25 Education Programs or a designee;

26                   (I) The President of the Arkansas Hospital Association or  
27 a designee;

28                   (J) The President of the Arkansas Medical Society or a  
29 designee;

30                   (K) The President of the Arkansas Healthcare Association  
31 or a designee;

32                   (L) The President of the HomeCare Association of Arkansas  
33 or a designee;

34                   (M) The President of the Arkansas State Chamber of  
35 Commerce and Associated Industries of Arkansas and two (2) persons appointed  
36 by the president;

