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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2	64th General Assembly	2
3	Regular Session, 2003 SENATE BILL	2
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5	By: Senator Gullett By: Bengagantatives Dees Landell	
6 7	By: Representatives Dees, Lendall	
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled	
10	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE	
11	COMMISSION ON NURSING.	
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13	Subtitle	
14	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE	
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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20	SECTION 1. Purpose.	
21	The purposes of this act are:	
22	(1) To study the status of the nursing and nurse educator shortage in	<u>1</u>
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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34	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:	

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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;

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1	(N) The President of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation
2	or a designee; and
3	(0) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor, one (1) of
4	whom shall represent consumers.
5	(b) The commission shall:
6	(1) Receive staff and clerical support from the Legislative
7	Council; and
8	(2) Report its findings and strategic plan for meeting the
9	nursing workforce needs of the state to the Legislative Council by November
10	<u>1, 2004.</u>
11	(c) The commission shall expire on June 30, 2005.
12	(d) Legislator members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses
13	and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided by law for
14	members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim committees.
15	(e) The commission shall select a chairperson from its voting
16	<pre>membership.</pre>
17	(f)(l) A majority of the voting membership of the commission shall
18	constitute a quorum.
19	(2) A majority vote of those voting members present shall be
20	required for any action of the commission.
21	(g) Vacancies on the commission due to death, resignation, or other
22	causes shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in this act for
23	initial appointments.
24	(h) Commission meetings shall be held in Pulaski County, Arkansas.
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26	SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
27	General Assembly that the Arkansas Legislative Commission on Nursing created
28	by Act 1465 of 2001 expires June 30, 2003; that its work should continue for
29	another biennium; and that unless this emergency clause is adopted there will
30	be a gap in its work effort and its momentum might be lost. Therefore, an
31	emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the
32	preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective or
33	July 1, 2003.
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35	/s/ Gullett
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