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A Bill

SENATE BILL 6

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING
9 TO INFORM APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE OF THEIR
10 ELIGIBILITY TO SIT FOR A LICENSING EXAMINATION BEFORE
11 THE APPLICANT ENTERS A NURSING PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR NURSING LICENSURE
16 TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY TO SIT FOR A
17 LICENSING EXAMINATION BEFORE ENTERING A
18 NURSING PROGRAM.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-312(a), concerning criminal
25 background checks for nursing licensure, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1) Each first-time applicant for a license issued by the Arkansas
27 State Board of Nursing shall apply to the Identification Bureau of the
28 Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal
29 background check, to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

30 (2)(A) As used in subdivision (a)(1) of this section,
31 "applicant" includes an individual who requests a criminal background check
32 under this section whether or not the individual has entered or completed a
33 nursing program.

34 (B) The board shall promptly inform an applicant of the
35 result of a criminal background check under this section whether or not the
36 individual has entered or completed a nursing program.

