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As Engrossed: S2/7/13
A Bill

SENATE BILL 6

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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7 **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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14 **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) At the time a person applies to an Arkansas nursing
31 educational program, the program shall notify the applicant in writing of the
32 provisions and requirements of this section.
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34 /s/L. Chesterfield
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36 APPROVED: 03/11/2013

