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A Bill

SENATE BILL 301

5 By: Senator K. Hammer
6 By: Representatives Bentley, Cavanaugh, Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF CLINICAL HOURS FOR
10 NURSING STUDENTS IN CERTAIN DEGREE PROGRAMS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO SET CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF CLINICAL HOURS
16 FOR NURSING STUDENTS IN CERTAIN DEGREE
17 PROGRAMS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-61-142. Nursing program clinical hour equity.

25 A nursing program shall not exceed the following maximum amounts of
26 direct patient care hospital clinical hours for nursing students:

27 (1) For a licensed practical nursing program, five hundred (500)
28 clinical hours;

29 (2) For an associate's degree nursing program, four hundred
30 fifty (450) clinical hours;

31 (3) For a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, six hundred
32 (600) clinical hours; and

33 (4) For master's or doctoral nursing programs, an amount of
34 clinical hours as set by accrediting standards.
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