

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1047**

Introduced by

Representative Kreidt

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-12.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to in-state nursing education standards established by the state board of higher  
3 education.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-12.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **43-12.1-17. Nursing education programs.**

- 8 4. The state board of higher education shall ~~adopt rules establishing~~ establish  
9 standards for in-state nursing education programs leading to initial or advanced  
10 licensure. In establishing these standards, the state board of higher education  
11 shall consider whether the program is accredited by the national league for nursing  
12 accrediting commission, incorporated, or its successor; the commission on  
13 collegiate nursing education or its successor; or other nationally recognized  
14 accreditation organization. A nursing education program may not be provided in  
15 this state unless the state board of higher education has approved the program.  
16 The state board of higher education shall approve, review, and reapprove nursing  
17 education programs in this state. The state board of higher education may not  
18 require a statement of intent as part of the approval process under this section.
- 19 ~~2. The standards established under this section for a program leading to licensure as~~  
20 ~~a licensed practical nurse:~~
- 21 a. ~~Must allow for a program that offers two or more academic years of course~~  
22 ~~study or the equivalent;~~
- 23 b. ~~Must allow for a program that offers less than two academic years of course~~  
24 ~~study or the equivalent; and~~

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- 1                   e. ~~May not allow for a program that offers less than one academic year of course~~  
2                    ~~study or the equivalent.~~
- 3            3. ~~The standards established under this section for a program leading to licensure as~~  
4            ~~a registered nurse:~~
- 5            a. ~~Must allow for a program that offers four or more academic years of course~~  
6            ~~study or the equivalent;~~
- 7            b. ~~Must allow for a program that offers less than four academic years of course~~  
8            ~~study or the equivalent; and~~
- 9            e. ~~May not allow for a program that offers less than two academic years of~~  
10           ~~course study or the equivalent.~~