

HB 264 -- Nurse Staffing Plans

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This bill contains provisions pertaining to the establishment of nurse staffing plans for licensed hospitals.

The bill:

(1) Contains various definitions including "acuity system," "staffing plan," "direct care nursing staff," and "unforeseeable emergent circumstances";

(2) Requires licensed hospitals to attempt to fill staffing requirements in order to address staff shortages before requiring a registered nurse or unlicensed assistive personnel to work overtime; and

(3) Contains provisions pertaining to the scheduling of nursing shifts with certain exceptions, which include a declared national or state emergency.