

HB 1641 -- WORKFORCE PLANNING BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

SPONSOR: Kelly (45)

This bill authorizes the State Board of Nursing within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to enter into a contractual agreement with a public institution of higher education or a nonprofit corporation or association for the purpose of collecting and analyzing workforce data from its licensees for future workforce planning. The board may release identifying data to the contractor to facilitate data analysis of the healthcare workforce including geographic, demographic, and practice or professional characteristics of licensees. The contractor must maintain the confidentiality of information it receives from the board and can only release information in an aggregate form that cannot be used to identify the individual.

The bill creates the Nursing Workforce Analysis Fund to be managed by the state board. The board must collect at the time of licensure or licensure renewal a \$1 per year surcharge from each registered professional nurse and licensed practical nurse that must be deposited in the fund in addition to appropriated moneys, contributions, grants, and federal funds to pay all administrative costs and expenses incurred from the implementation of the provisions of the bill.