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## DIGEST

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HB No. 120

**Abstract:** Requires the La. State Board of Nursing and the La. State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to approve nursing programs and training that receive accreditation from specified national and regional accrediting agencies.

Present law (R.S. 37:918(2)) requires the La. State Board of Nursing to approve nursing education programs whose graduates meet the licensing requirements of the board.

Proposed law requires the board to approve programs accredited by national and regional institutional accrediting agencies, including the Council on Occupational Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, that are recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education. Also, requires the board to afford all professional and industry-related privileges to institutions offering nursing education programs accredited by these agencies, including the right for graduates to take the requisite licensing examination.

Present law (R.S. 37:969(A)(2)) requires the La. State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to approve practical nursing training at all schools that apply, whether public or private, and accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Proposed law requires the board to approve training at schools accredited specifically by the Council on Occupational Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Also, requires the board to afford all other professional and industry-related privileges to schools offering practical nursing training accredited by these agencies, including the right for graduates to take the requisite licensing examination.

(Amends R.S. 37:918(2) and 969(A)(2))