Thursday, January 8, 2015:  3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8.0  Call to Order

8.1  Review and Vote on Whether to Approve the Minutes of:
   - May 7, 2014
   - August 7, 2014
   - October 9, 2014

8.2  Discuss Bills of Interest to the Board and Recommend that the Board Adopt or Modify Positions on the Bills, and any other Bills of Interest to the Board Introduced During the 2015-2016 Legislative Session

8.3  2013-2014 Goals and Objectives:  Summary of Accomplishments

8.4  2013-2014 Legislative Session Summary

8.5  2015-2016 Recommend Goals and Objectives for the Two-year Legislative Session

8.6  Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

8.7  Adjournment

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phone # (800) 326-2297). Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help to ensure the availability of the requested accommodation. Board members who are not members of this committee may attend meetings as observers only, and may not participate or vote. Action may be taken on any item listed on this agenda, including information only items. Items may be taken out of order for convenience, to accommodate speakers, or maintain a quorum.
AGENDA ITEM: 8.1
DATE: January 8, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: Review and Vote on Whether to Approve the Minutes of May 7, August 7, and October 9, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Ronnie Whitaker
Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

NEXT STEPS: None

FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY: None

PERSON(S) TO CONTACT: Ronnie Whitaker
Phone: (916) 574-7600
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 7, 2014
TIME: 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Hilton Sacramento Arden West
Folsom Room
2200 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erin Niemela,Chair
Trande Phillips, RN
Cindy Klein, RN
Jeanette Dong

STAFF PRESENT: Louise Bailey, Executive Officer
Kay Weinkam, NEC, Staff Liaison
Ronnie Whitaker, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

Chair Erin Niemela called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

8.0 Review and Approve Minutes
The minutes of January 8, 2014 and March 6, 2014 were approved.

8.1 Positions on Bills of Interest to the Board, and any other Bills of Interest to the Board introduced during the 2013-2014 Legislative Session.

AB 1841    Mullin: Medical assistants
Committee Position: Watch
Three public comments

AB 2058    Wilk: Open meetings
Committee Position: Oppose

AB 2062    Hernández: Health facilities: surgical technologists
Committee Position: Watch

AB 2102    Ting: Licensees: data collection
Committee Position: Watch
AB 2144   Yamada:  Staff-to-patient ratios  
Committee Position:  Support  

AB 2165   Patterson:  Professions and vocations: licenses  
Committee Position:  Oppose  

AB 2183   Bocanegra: Nursing  
Committee Position:  Oppose  
Three public comments  

AB 2198   Levine: Mental health professionals: suicide prevention training  
Committee Position:  Watch  

AB 2247   Williams: Postsecondary education: accreditation documents  
Committee Position:  Watch  

AB 2346   Gonzalez: Physician and surgeon assistance program  
Committee Position:  Watch  

AB 2396   Bonta: Convictions: expungement: licenses  
Committee Position:  Watch  

AB 2514   Pan: Income taxes: credits: rural health care professionals  
Committee Position:  Watch  

AB 2720   Ting: State agencies: meetings: record of action taken  
Committee Position:  Watch  

SB 911   Block: Residential care facilities for the elderly  
Committee Position:  Watch  

SB 1159   Lara: Professions and vocations: license applicants: federal identification number  
Committee Position:  Watch  

SB 1239   Wolk: Pupil health care services: school nurses  
Committee Position:  Support  
One public comment  

8.2 Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda  
Marty Smith, California Nurses Association, requests that SB 1299 re workplace violence be considered by the Board at its June Board meeting.  

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.  

Submitted by: _____________________________________________  
Kay Weinkam, Nursing Education Consultant  

Approved by: ______________________________________________  
Erin Niemela, Chair
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 7, 2014

TIME: 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hilton Sacramento Arden West
Folsom Room
2200 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trande Phillips, RN, Acting Chair
Cindy Klein, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Louise Bailey, Executive Officer
Kay Weinkam, NEC, Staff Liaison
Ronnie Whitaker, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

Acting Chair Trande Phillips called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

8.0 Review and Approve Minutes
Review and approval of the minutes of May 7, 2014, was deferred until the next meeting.

8.1 Positions on Bills of Interest to the Board, and any other Bills of Interest to the Board introduced during the 2013-2014 Legislative Session.

AB 2062 Hernández: Health facilities: surgical technologists
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 2247 Williams: Postsecondary education: accreditation documents
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

SB 850 Block: Public postsecondary education: community college districts: baccalaureate degree pilot program
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

SB 911 Block: Residential care facilities for the elderly
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

SB 1159 Lara: Professions and vocations: license applicants: federal identification number
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch
SB 1299  Padilla: Workplace violence prevention plans: hospitals
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Support
Two public comments

8.3   Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by: _____________________________________________
Kay Weinkam, Nursing Education Consultant

Approved by: ______________________________________________
Trande Phillips, Acting Chair
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 9, 2014
TIME: 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge
Dock of the Bay Room
1800 Powell Street
Emeryville, California 94608

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trande Phillips, RN, Acting Chair
Cindy Klein, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Louise Bailey, Executive Officer
Kay Weinkam, NEC, Staff Liaison
Ronnie Whitaker, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

Acting Chair Trande Phillips called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

8.0 Review and Approve Minutes
Review and approval of the minutes of May 7, 2014, and August 7, 2014, were deferred until the next meeting.

8.1 Positions on Bills of Interest to the Board, and any other Bills of Interest to the Board introduced during the 2013-2014 Legislative Session.

AB 186 Maienschein: Professions and vocations: military spouses: temporary licenses
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 809 Logue: Healing arts: telehealth
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 1841 Mullin: Medical assistants
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 2058 Wilk: Open meetings
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 2102 Ting: Licensees: data collection
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch
AB 2247  Williams:  Postsecondary education:  accreditation documents  
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 2396  Bonta: Convictions: expungement: licenses  
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 2720  Ting: State agencies: meetings: record of action taken  
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

AB 2736  Committee on Higher Education: Postsecondary education: California State University  
Sub-Committee Recommendation:

SB 850  Block:  Public postsecondary education:  community college districts: baccalaureate degree pilot program  
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

SB 911  Block: Residential care facilities for the elderly  
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

SB 1159  Lara: Professions and vocations: license applicants: individual tax identification number  
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

SB 1299  Padilla: Workplace violence prevention plans: hospitals  
Sub-Committee Recommendation: Watch

8.3 Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda  
Katherine Hughes, SEIU, AB 2062 – Surgical technologists

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Submitted by: _____________________________________________  
Kay Weinkam, Nursing Education Consultant

Approved by: ______________________________________________  
Trande Phillips, Acting Chair
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 7, 2014
TIME: 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Hilton Sacramento Arden West
Folsom Room
2200 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erin Niemela, Chair
Trande Phillips, RN
Cindy Klein, RN
Jeanette Dong

STAFF PRESENT: Louise Bailey, Executive Officer
Kay Weinkam, NEC, Staff Liaison
Ronnie Whitaker, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

Chair Erin Niemela called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

8.0 Review and Approve Minutes
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   Committee Position: Support  
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8.2  Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
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The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Kay Weinkam, Nursing Education Consultant

Approved by:  
Erin Niemela, Chair
AGENDA ITEM: 8.2
DATE: January 8, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: Discuss Bills of Interest to the Board and Recommend that the Board Adopt or Modify Positions on the Bills, and any other Bills of Interest to the Board introduced during the 2015-2016 Legislative Session.

REQUESTED BY: Ronnie Whitaker
Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

BACKGROUND: None introduced to date December 29, 2014

Assembly Bills

Senate Bills

NEXT STEP: Place on Board agenda

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY: None

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ACTION REQUESTED: 2013-2014 Goals and Objectives: Summary of Accomplishments

REQUESTED BY: Ronnie Whitaker
Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

BACKGROUND:
The Board approved the 2013-2014 Legislative Committee Goals and Objectives at its February 7, 2013, meeting. A Summary of Accomplishments has been compiled for review.

NEXT STEP: Place on Board Agenda

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY: None

PERSON TO CONTACT: Ronnie Whitaker
Phone: (916) 574-7600
GOAL 1: Keep the Board of Registered Nursing informed about pertinent legislation and regulations that may affect nursing practice, education, and nurses’ roles in the delivery of health care and administrative functions of the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 1.1 Analyze legislative proposals and make position recommendations to the Board at each Board meeting.

The committee provided information and analyses of each bill followed, and made recommendations to the Board at each Board meeting.

During the 2013-2014 Legislative Session, many bills of general interest to the Board or those having potential impact on the administration of the Board were followed. Although these bills address many subjects, each affects registered nursing in some way. The Board followed forty-nine (49) bills of which twenty-two (22) were signed into law by the Governor, three (3) bills were vetoed, and twenty-four (24) failed in committees or were no longer applicable to the Board.

GOAL 2: Monitor current legislation on behalf of the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Advocate for or against legislation as directed by the Board.

The committee monitored legislative bills relative to the Board and committee staff advocated for bills supported by the Board and voiced the concerns of the Board for those bills to which it expressed its opposition.

- Committee staff continued to respond to public inquiries concerning bills followed by the Board.
- Staff attended numerous legislative committee hearings concerning bills followed by the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Review and suggest appropriate amendments as necessary.

The committee staff participated in recommending and writing amendments to specific bills relative to Board action.

- Committee staff attended legislative meetings and communicated with legislators’ staff to articulate the Board’s position on specific bills.
Committee staff sent sixteen letters to various senators and assembly members expressing the Board’s position of support or opposition to their respective bills.

The Board sent six letters to the Governor stating its position of support or opposition to specific bills with the request that these bills be signed or vetoed.

**OBJECTIVE 2.3** Provide testimony to the Legislature, on behalf of the Board, as requested.

**GOAL 3:** Serve as a resource to other Board Committees on legislative and regulatory matters.

**OBJECTIVE:** 3.1 Assist other Board Committees in reviewing legislative regulatory proposals.

The committee staff served as a resource to other Board Committee members and committee liaisons concerning legislative issues that impacted their respective committees.

**GOAL 4:** Enhance the Board's process to proactively identify legislation that potentially impacts nursing and the Board.

**OBJECTIVE:** 4.1 Evaluate additional resources, e.g. Internet, new legislative publications, etc., as sources of pertinent legislative information.

Staff utilized the California Legislative Information maintained by the Legislative Council on the Internet, as well as StateNet. Legislative publications from various associations, and state publications, were also used as resources for legislative activities.

**OBJECTIVE:** 4.2 Maintain consistent dialogues with Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Legislative Unit, Legislators and their staff.

The committee was proactive in identifying and monitoring legislation relative to the Board.

- Committee staff communicated frequently and regularly with DCA legislative staff to identify proposed legislation and its potential impact on the BRN.
- Committee staff met and communicated with organizations and sponsors of legislation to articulate and clarify issues relative to the BRN.
- Committee communicated with other state departments, relative to legislation impacting the BRN.
AGENDA ITEM: 8.4
DATE: January 8, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: 2013-2014 Legislative Session Summary

REQUESTED BY: Ronnie Whitaker
Legislative and Regulatory Analyst

BACKGROUND: A summary of the bills chaptered in the 2013-2014 legislative session has been compiled for review.

NEXT STEP: Place on Board agenda

PERSON TO CONTACT: Ronnie Whitaker
Phone: (916) 574-7600
During the 2013-2014 Legislative Session, many bills of general interest to the Board or those having potential impact on the administration of the Board were followed. Although these bills address many subjects, each affects registered nursing in some way. The Board followed forty-nine (49) bills of which twenty-two (22) were signed into law by the Governor, three (3) bills were vetoed, and twenty-four (24) failed in committees or were no longer applicable to the Board. The following is a brief description of those bill followed by the Board that were chaptered. Unless otherwise stated, the statutes of 2013 became effective January 1, 2014, and the statutes of 2014 become effective January 1, 2015.

**AB 154 (Atkins)**
Chapter 662, Statutes of 2013
Abortion

AB 154 allows nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, and physician assistants who complete specified training and who practice with standardized procedures or protocols, as specified, to perform the functions necessary for an abortion by medication or aspiration techniques in the first trimester of pregnancy. The bill authorizes a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, or physician assistant who already completed a specified training program and achieved clinical competency to continue to perform abortions by aspiration techniques. The bill makes it unprofessional conduct for a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, or physician assistant to perform an abortion by aspiration techniques without prior completion of training and validation of clinical competency. The bill deletes references to a nonsurgical abortion and deletes the restrictions on assisting with abortion procedures.

**AB 186 (Maienschein)**
Chapter 640, Statutes of 2014
Professions and vocations: military spouses: temporary licenses

AB 186 establishes a temporary licensure process for specified licensed professions for an applicant who holds a current, active, and unrestricted license in another jurisdiction, as specified, and who supplies satisfactory evidence of being married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders. The bill requires a temporary license issued pursuant to these provisions to expire 12 months after issuance, upon issuance of an expedited license, or upon denial of the application for expedited licensure by the board, whichever comes first.
AB 361 (Mitchell)
Chapter 642, Statutes of 2013
Medi-Cal: health homes for Medi-Cal enrollees

AB 361 authorizes the department, subject to federal approval, to create a health home program for enrollees with chronic conditions, as prescribed, as authorized under federal law. The bill provides that those provisions shall not be implemented unless federal financial participation is available and additional General Fund moneys are not used to fund the administration and service costs, except as specified. The bill requires the department to ensure that an evaluation of the program is completed, if created by the department, and it requires that the department submit a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature within 2 years after implementation of the program.

AB 512 (Rendon)
Chapter 111, Statutes of 2013
Healing arts: licensure exemption

AB 512 extends until January 1, 2018, the exemption from licensing requirements for health care practitioners who are licensed in another state and who provide services in California at a sponsored event under specified circumstances. The exempt health care practitioner must still obtain prior authorization to provide these services from the applicable licensing board.

AB 633 (Salas)
Chapter 591, Statutes of 2013
Emergency medical services: civil liability

AB 633 prohibits an employer from having a policy of prohibiting an employee from providing voluntary emergency medical services, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, in response to a medical emergency, except as specified. This bill states that these provisions do not impose any express or implied duty on an employer to train its employees regarding emergency medical services or cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

AB 809 (Logue)
Chapter 404, Statutes of 2014
Healing arts: telehealth

AB 809 requires the health care provider initiating the use of telehealth to obtain verbal or written consent from the patient for the use of telehealth, as specified. The bill requires that health care provider to document the consent.
AB 1057 (Medina)
Chapter 693, Statutes of 2013
Professions and vocations: licenses: military service

AB 1057 requires, effective January 1, 2015, that each board within the Department of Consumer Affairs inquire in every application for licensure if the individual applying for licensure is serving in, or has previously served in, the military.

AB 1841 (Mullin)
Chapter 333, Statutes of 2014
Medical assistants

AB 1841 specifies that the “technical supportive services” a medical assistant may perform in those California State Board of Pharmacy licensed facilities also includes handing to a patient a properly labeled and prepackaged prescription drug, other than a controlled substance, ordered by a licensed physician and surgeon, a licensed podiatrist, a physician assistant, a nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse-midwife, as specified.

AB 2102 (Ting)
Chapter 420, Statutes of 2014
Licensees: data collection

AB 2012 requires the board to collect and report specific demographic data relating to its licensees, subject to a licensee's discretion to report his or her race or ethnicity, to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The bill requires the board to collect this data at least biennially, at the times of both issuing an initial license and issuing a renewal license.

AB 2247 (Williams)
Chapter 388, Statutes of 2014
Postsecondary education: accreditation documents

AB 2247 requires each campus within the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges or Private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education constitute that receives public funding through state or federal financial aid programs, is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, and offers education and training programs to California students to make final accreditation documents available to the public via the institution’s Internet Web site.
AB 2396 (Bonta)
Chapter 737, Statutes of 2014
Convictions: expungement: licenses

AB 2396 prohibits a board from denying a license based solely on a conviction that has been dismissed pursuant to the above provisions. The bill requires an applicant who has a conviction that has been dismissed pursuant to the provisions of the bill to provide proof of the dismissal.

AB 2720 (Ting)
Chapter 510, Statutes of 2014
State agencies: meetings: record of action taken

AB 2720 requires a state body to publicly report any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each member present for the action.

AB 2736 (Committee on Higher Education)
Chapter 511, Statutes of 2014
Postsecondary education: California State University

AB 2736 deletes the requirement that the evaluation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot program include information regarding public school and community college program partners, makes other nonsubstantive changes to these provisions, and would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2021. The bill deletes the requirement that the evaluation include information regarding public school and community college program partners and would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2021.

SB 271 (Hernandez, E.)
Chapter 384, Statutes of 2013
Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program

SB 271 extends indefinitely the operation of the Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program, which is funded by the Registered Nurse Education Fund. The Program provides scholarships to students in counties determined to have the most need. This bill requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to post the Program’s statistics and updates on its Web site.

SB 352 (Pavley)
Chapter 286, Statutes of 2013
Medical assistants: supervision

SB 352 deletes the requirement in existing law that the services performed by a medical assistant be in a specified clinic when under the specific authorization of a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse-midwife. This bill prohibits a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, or physician assistant from authorizing a medical assistant to perform any clinical laboratory test or
examination for which the medical assistant is not authorized, and provides that violation of this prohibition constitutes unprofessional conduct.

SB 440 (Padilla)
Chapter 720, Statutes of 2013
Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act

SB 440 expresses findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to timely progression from lower division coursework to degree completion. The bill requires community colleges to create an associate degree for transfer in every major and area of emphasis offered by that college for any approved transfer model curriculum, as prescribed, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill requires California State University campuses to accept transfer model curriculum-aligned associate degrees for transfer in every major and concentration offered by that California State University, as specified. The bill provides that the guarantee of admission for those community college students described above includes admission to a program or major and concentration that is either similar to the student's community college transfer model curriculum-aligned associate degree for transfer or may be completed with 60 semester units of study beyond that degree for transfer, the determinations to be made by the campus to which the student is admitted. The bill requires the California State University to develop an admissions redirection process for students admitted pursuant to the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act who apply for admission to the California State University, but are not accepted into the campuses specifically applied to. The bill requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University, in consultation with specified parties, to develop a student-centered communication and marketing strategy in order to increase the visibility of the associate degree for transfer pathway for all students in California. To the extent that this provision would create new duties for community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

SB 809 (DeSaulnier)
Chapter 400, Statutes of 2013
Controlled substances: reporting

SB 809 establishes funding for the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) Fund for use by the Legislature in making appropriations for CURES and its Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is an electronic monitoring system for the prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II-IV controlled substances. This bill requires, beginning April 1, 2014, an annual fee of $6.00 to be assessed on specified licensees, including those authorized to prescribe, order, administer, furnish, or dispense controlled substances, and requires the regulating body to collect this fee at the time of license renewal. This bill requires, by January 1, 2016, or upon receipt of a federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration, specified health care practitioners and pharmacists to apply to the Department of Justice to obtain approval to access information stored on the Internet regarding the controlled substance history of a patient under their care.
SB 850 (Block)
Chapter 747, Statutes of 2014
Public postsecondary education: community college districts: baccalaureate degree pilot program

SB 850 would, commencing January 1, 2015, authorize the board of governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program at not more than 15 community college districts, with one baccalaureate degree program each, to be determined by the chancellor and approved by the board of governors. The bill prohibits each participating district from offering more than one baccalaureate degree program within the district, as specified. The bill requires a district baccalaureate degree pilot program to commence by the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year, and would require a student participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program to complete his or her degree by the end of the 2022-23 academic year. The bill requires participating community college districts to meet specified requirements, including, but not limited to, offering baccalaureate degree programs and program curricula not offered by the California State University or the University of California, and in subject areas with unmet workforce needs, as specified. The bill requires the governing board of a participating community college district to submit certain items for review by the chancellor and approval by the board of governors, including, among other things, the administrative plan for the baccalaureate degree pilot program and documentation of consultation with the California State University and the University of California. The bill provides that the Legislative Analyst’s Office shall conduct both a statewide interim evaluation and a statewide final evaluation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program implemented under this article, as specified, and report to the Legislature and Governor, in writing, the results of the interim evaluation on or before July 1, 2018, and the results of the final evaluation on or before July 1, 2022. The bill provides that on or before March 31, 2015, the board of governors shall develop, and adopt by regulation, a funding model for the support of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program, as specified. The bill makes these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2023 and would repeal the provisions on January 1, 2024.

SB 911 (Block)
Chapter 705, Statutes of 2014
Residential care facilities for the elderly

SB 911 contains numerous provisions related specifically to the operation of these facilities by the Department of Social Services. The bill deletes the provisions that relate to oversight by an RN or for RNs to be on call if the facility accepts residents with restricted or prohibited health conditions. The bill requires the facility to ensure that residents receive home health or hospice services sufficient in scope and hours by appropriately skilled professionals, acting within their scope of practice, to ensure that residents receive medical care as prescribed by the resident’s physician and contained in the resident’s service plan. The bill defines an “appropriately skilled professional” as an individual who has training and is licensed to perform the necessary medical procedures prescribed by a physician, which includes, but is not limited to, a registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or respiratory therapist. The bill will revise the training and continuing training for licensees and administrators of the facility and of the staff providing direct care. The bill makes revisions to the training and
continued training requirements for licensees and administrators of residential care facilities for the elderly, including for those who provide direct care to residents with dementia or to those with postural supports, restricted health conditions or health services, or who receive hospice care. The bill requires that no licensee, or officer or employee of the licensee, shall discriminate or retaliate against any person receiving the services of the licensee’s residential care facility for the elderly, or against any employee of the licensee’s facility, on the basis, or for the reason that, the person, employee, or any other person dialed or called 911. The bill makes its provisions operative on January 1, 2016. The bill revises training and continued training requirements for administrators and staff who provide care in residential care facilities for the elderly. The bill provides that the facility that accepts or retains residents with prohibited health conditions, as defined by the department, assist, rather than ensure, the residents with accessing home health or hospice services by appropriately skilled professionals. The bill provides that an appropriately skilled professional is not required if a resident is providing self-care, as defined by the department, and there is documentation in the resident’s service plan that the resident is capable of providing self-care. The bill modifies provisions related to the hours of classroom instruction for administrators of residential care facilities and adds the requirement for passage of a written test consisting of at least 100 questions. The bill requires facilities to provide training to direct care staff in specified topics prior to the employees caring for the special needs of residents and every year thereafter. The bill as amended further modifies the provisions related to the education of the administrators. The bill prohibits a licensee, or officer or employee, from discriminating or retaliating against any resident or employee on the basis that that person called 911.

SB 1159 (Lara)
Chapter 752, Statutes of 2014
Professions and vocations: license applicants: individual tax identification number
SB 1159, no later than January 1, 2016, requires those licensing bodies to require an applicant to provide either an individual tax identification number or social security number if the applicant is an individual. The bill requires the licensing bodies to report to the Franchise Tax Board, and subject a licensee to a penalty, for failure to provide that information, as described above. The bill prohibits, except as specified, any entity within the department from denying licensure to an applicant based on his or her citizenship status or immigration status. The bill requires every board within the department to implement regulatory and procedural changes necessary to implement these provisions no later than January 1, 2016, and would authorize implementation at any time prior to that date. The bill makes other conforming changes.

SB 1266 (Huff)
Chapter 321, Statutes of 2014
Pupil health: epinephrine auto-injectors
SB 1266 requires school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide emergency epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses and trained personnel who have volunteered, as specified, and would authorize school nurses and trained personnel to use epinephrine auto-injectors to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction. The bill requires school districts, county
offices of education, and charter schools to distribute a notice requesting volunteers at least once a year. The bill requires a qualified supervisor of health or administrator at a school district, county office of education, or charter school to obtain the prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors from an authorizing physician and surgeon, as defined, and would authorize the prescription to be filled by local or mail order pharmacies or epinephrine auto-injector manufacturers. The bill requires epinephrine auto-injectors to be stocked and restocked by the qualified supervisor of health or administrator in accordance with specified provisions. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill imposes a state-mandated local program. The bill deletes the requirement for creating a plan, would revise the training requirements, and would require the Superintendent to review the minimum standards of training at least every 5 years. The bill requires a school district, county office of education, or charter school to ensure that each employee who volunteers is provided defense and indemnification by the school district, county office of education, or charter school for any and all civil liability, as specified. The bill authorizes a state agency, the State Department of Education, or a public school to accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the support of the public school carrying out these provisions. By requiring local educational agencies to perform additional duties related to epinephrine auto-injectors, the bill imposes a state-mandated local program. The bill authorizes a pharmacy to furnish epinephrine auto-injectors to charter schools pursuant to those provisions.

SB 1299 (Padilla)
Chapter 842, Statutes of 2014
Workplace violence prevention plans: hospitals

SB 1299 requires the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, no later than July 1, 2016, to adopt standards developed by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health that require specified types of hospitals, including a general acute care hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital, to adopt a workplace violence prevention plan as a part of the hospital’s injury and illness prevention plan to protect health care workers and other facility personnel from aggressive and violent behavior. The bill requires the standards to include prescribed requirements for a plan. The bill requires the division, by January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, to post a report on its Internet Web site containing specified information regarding violent incidents at hospitals. The bill exempts certain state-operated hospitals from these provisions.
AGENDA ITEM: 8.5
DATE: January 8, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: 2015-2016 Goals and Objectives for the two-year Legislative Session.

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BACKGROUND:
The 2015-2016 Goals and Objectives of the Legislative Committee are being submitted for review and approval.

NEXT STEPS:
Place on Board Agenda

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2015-2016 Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: Keep the Board of Registered Nursing informed about pertinent legislation that may affect nursing practice, education, nurses' roles in the delivery of health care, and administrative functions of the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 1.1 Analyze legislative proposals and make position recommendations to the Board at each Board meeting.

GOAL 2: Monitor current legislation on behalf of the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 2.1 Advocate for or against legislation as directed by the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 2.2 Review and suggest appropriate amendments as necessary.

OBJECTIVE: 2.3 Provide testimony to the Legislature, on behalf of the Board, as requested.

GOAL 3: Serve as a resource to other Board committees on legislative and regulatory matters.

OBJECTIVE: 3.1 Assist other Board committees in reviewing legislative and regulatory proposals.

GOAL 4: Enhance the Board's process to proactively identify legislation that potentially impacts nursing and the Board.

OBJECTIVE: 4.1 Evaluate resources, e.g. Internet, new legislative publications, etc., as sources of pertinent legislative information.

OBJECTIVE: 4.2 Maintain consistent dialogue with DCA's Legislative Unit, legislators, and their staff.