

TITLE 16. BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registered Nursing (hereinafter referred to as “Board” or “BRN”) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at:

**Board of Registered Nursing
1747 N. Market Blvd.
Sapphire Room (Room #285)
Sacramento, CA 95834**

**July 11, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2016. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 2715 of the Business and Professions Code (Code), and to implement, interpret or make specific Section 2725.4 of said Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 14 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

SB 466 (Hill, Chapter 489, Statutes of 2015), approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on October 4, 2015, includes expanded requirements of registered nursing education programs specific to awarding student applicants credit in the field of nursing for military education and experience, internet posting of such information, and adoption of relevant regulations by the Board. This proposal would implement SB 466. Specific regulatory language is necessary to ensure clarity so that the nursing education programs understand and the BRN can enforce the requirements. The primary purpose of this proposal is to comply with SB 466, which requires the Board to adopt regulations requiring schools to have a process to evaluate and grant credit for military education and experience.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION:

The benefit of these regulations will allow persons with applicable military education and experience who wish to become a Registered Nurse to have an effective process to have credit evaluated and applied toward completion of prelicensure nursing education and/or establishing licensure eligibility.

DETERMINATION OF INCONSISTENCY/INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING REGULATION:

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, the Board of Registered Nursing has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: There will be a fiscal impact to the state as the Board would have to hire Nursing Education Consultants to review school's policies and practices regarding granting credit for military education and experiences at least once every 5 years to ensure consistency in evaluation and application across schools.

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500 – 17630 Require Reimbursement: None

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Results of the Economic Impact Assessment: The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have a significant impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California. As stated above under the 'Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulation,' the benefits of these regulations will allow persons with applicable military education and experience who wish to become a Registered Nurse to have an effective process to have credit evaluated and applied toward completion of prelicensure nursing education and/or establishing licensure eligibility. The proposed regulations will not have a significant impact to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety or to the state's environment.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

The proposed regulations may affect some schools in workload volume but not financial costs. Schools already have personnel in place as a part of the college and nursing department structure to evaluate transcripts for transfer credit; therefore, they may have an increase in workload volume.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations may affect small businesses by increased workload.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the

statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the person designated in the Notice under Contact Person or by accessing the Board's website, www.rn.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below. You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by contacting the persons below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSON

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at www.rn.ca.gov.