

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3793

By: Sneed

7 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
9 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 567.12, which relates
10 to registered and practical nurse programs; adding
11 program; and providing an effective date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 567.12, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 567.12. A. To qualify in this state as an approved
17 program for registered nurses, the program shall be conducted in the
18 State of Oklahoma in an accredited college or university leading to
19 an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree in nursing. Such
20 programs shall meet the standards fixed by the Oklahoma Board of
21 Nursing and prescribed in its rules.

22 B. To qualify in the State of Oklahoma as an approved diploma
23 program for registered nurses, or an LPN-to-Diploma-RN ladder
24 program for registered nurses, the program shall be conducted in the

1 State of Oklahoma in a technology center approved by the Oklahoma
2 Department of Career and Technology Education, a nationally
3 accredited college, or an accredited college or university and shall
4 meet the standards fixed by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as
5 prescribed in its rules unless otherwise prescribed in the Oklahoma
6 Nursing Practice Act. Length of approved diploma RN programs shall
7 be:

8 1. Standalone diploma programs for registered nurses shall have
9 a minimum of one thousand three hundred (1,300) clock hours, but not
10 to exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500) clock hours, in nursing
11 education. This shall include nursing education consisting of
12 didactic, laboratory, and clinical courses. Additional required
13 non-nursing coursework shall not exceed three hundred thirty (330)
14 clock hours or twenty-one (21) credit hours;

15 2. LPN-to-Diploma-RN ladder programs awarding credit to
16 Licensed Practical Nurses shall have a minimum of six hundred (600)
17 clock hours beyond the practical nursing education, but not to
18 exceed seven hundred (700) clock hours in nursing education. This
19 shall include nursing education consisting of didactic, laboratory,
20 and clinical courses. Additional required non-nursing coursework
21 shall not exceed three hundred thirty (330) clock hours or twenty-
22 one (21) credit hours and may include non-nursing coursework
23 completed in practical nursing education.

1 C. To qualify in this state as an approved program for
2 practical nurses, the program shall be conducted in this state in a
3 school or skill center approved by the Oklahoma Department of Career
4 and Technology Education or licensed by the Oklahoma Board of
5 Private Vocational Schools. Such programs shall meet the standards
6 fixed by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as prescribed in its rules,
7 which shall conform to the provisions of this subsection.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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