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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3083)

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A BILL FOR

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2 initiate criminal and child and dependent adult abuse record
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5 the program.

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8 returning to the clinical education component of a nursing
9 program.

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12 necessary for the nursing program to initiate record checks of
13 students.

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18 students.

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27 the evaluation and shall report the results of the evaluation
28 to the nursing program. The department of human services has
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BOARD OF NURSING
Lorinda K. Inman, R.N., M.S.N.
Executive Director

To: Members of the 81st General Assembly
From: Lorinda K. Inman *LD*
Re: LSB 5347DP
Date: January 31, 2006

The Board of Nursing has prefiled legislation requiring nursing education programs initiate criminal, child and dependent adult abuse record checks of students prior to entry into the clinical education component of the program. The legislation provides for the review and evaluation of a student's criminal record or record of founded child or dependent adult abuse by the Department of Human Services to determine whether the record warrants prohibition of the student's involvement in a clinical course.

Clinical facilities perform background checks for employees and have requested that programs evaluate students' backgrounds. This would be considered a continuation of best practices to ensure the welfare of the patients. This legislation provides the authority for nursing education programs to do these records checks.

The Board is proposing this legislation at the request of nursing organizations.

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