

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS85097-LE-83 (2/17)**

Short Title: Raise Standards for Nursing Students. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Bingham.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO  
ESTABLISH PREREQUISITES FOR ITS NURSING PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly finds that although demand for nurses far exceeds the number of students entering the nursing profession, North Carolina community colleges have long waiting lists for entry into nursing programs. Furthermore, a significant number of students entering community college nursing programs do not complete the programs. To ensure that there are adequate slots within the community college system for the most committed and capable nursing students, the General Assembly directs the State Board of Community Colleges to establish rigorous prerequisite courses for entry into its nursing programs.

The State Board of Community Colleges shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee prior to December 1, 2005, on its implementation of this act.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.