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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 888

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 888 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 3-80 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-80 new)

7 Sec. 3-80. Baccalaureate degree in nursing program.

8 (a) A board of trustees may establish and offer a  
9 baccalaureate-level nursing education program and confer a  
10 bachelor of science degree in nursing if all of the following  
11 conditions are met:

12 (1) The board meets all of the requirements as set  
13 forth in subsection (b) of this Section and has been  
14 approved by the State Board to offer a bachelor of science  
15 degree in nursing.

16 (2) After the program has been approved by the State

1 Board, the Board of Higher Education shall consider the  
2 program for approval in a manner consistent with new  
3 bachelor's degree programs at public and private  
4 universities in this State.

5 (3) The board has been approved by the Division of  
6 Professional Regulation of the Department of Financial and  
7 Professional Regulation, as provided under Nurse Practice  
8 Act, to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

9 (4) The board has identified and documented, in  
10 writing, unmet workforce needs in the subject area of the  
11 baccalaureate degree to be offered. The board shall publish  
12 on its website and make publicly available the  
13 documentation and shall present the documentation to the  
14 State Board.

15 (5) The community college shall hold a national  
16 professional nursing accreditation, hold candidacy status  
17 for the accreditation, or have applied for the  
18 accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing  
19 Education, the Accreditation Commission for Education in  
20 Nursing, or the Commission for Nursing Education  
21 Accreditation.

22 (6) The community college district shall offer and  
23 maintain an associate degree in nursing.

24 (b) The board shall demonstrate that the district has the  
25 expertise, resources, and student interest to offer a quality  
26 bachelor of science degree in nursing. An application for

1 approval from the State Board shall include, but is not limited  
2 to, all of the following:

3 (1) The board shall describe the labor market need as  
4 specified in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this  
5 Section.

6 (2) The board shall describe the program's purpose, its  
7 target population, related occupations, and career paths.

8 (3) The board shall demonstrate the college has  
9 developed quality curricula that aligns with federal,  
10 State, and local requirements and will prepare graduates  
11 with the appropriate level of skill to meet their  
12 educational goals.

13 (4) The board shall verify the college has the fiscal  
14 resources in place or has budgeted for financial support  
15 for the program in a cost-effective manner.

16 (5) The board shall identify and document the faculty  
17 available for teaching the program, including the number of  
18 full-time and part-time faculty anticipated to teach in the  
19 program, a description of their qualifications (including  
20 highest degree earned), teaching experience, professional  
21 experience, and licenses held. The board must also indicate  
22 how faculty are to be evaluated.

23 (c) Community college districts shall be prohibited from  
24 using semester credit hours generated in baccalaureate degree  
25 programs for grants received pursuant to Section 2-16.02 of  
26 this Act.

1       (d) Until August 31, 2022, the number of bachelor's degree  
2 in nursing programs approved by the State Board and the Board  
3 of Higher Education shall not exceed 20.

4       (e) The State Board shall conduct a statewide evaluation of  
5 all nursing programs established under this Section. The  
6 results of the evaluation shall be reported, in writing, on or  
7 before July 1, 2022 to all of the following:

8           (1) The Board of Higher Education.

9           (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

10          (3) The Minority Leader of the House of  
11 Representatives.

12          (4) The President of the Senate.

13          (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate.

14          (6) The Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

15       The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, all of  
16 the following:

17           (i) The number of new programs established under this  
18 Section, including information identifying applicants,  
19 admissions, enrollments, demographic characteristics of  
20 students, and degree recipients.

21           (ii) The extent to which the programs established under  
22 this Section fulfill identified workforce needs.

23           (iii) Information on the pace of employment of students  
24 and the subsequent job placement of graduates.

25           (iv) Which districts applied for a bachelor's degree in  
26 nursing program but were denied and why were they denied.

1           (v) The cost of each bachelor's degree in nursing  
2           program and the funding sources that were used to finance  
3           these programs.

4           (vi) Time-to-degree rates and completion rates for  
5           each new program established under this Section.

6           (vii) The extent to which the programs established  
7           under this Section are in compliance with the requirements  
8           of this Section.

9           Boards of trustees shall submit the information necessary  
10          to conduct the evaluation required under this subsection (e),  
11          as determined by the evaluators, to the State Board.

12          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13          becoming law.".