WORK: Workforce Data WLC: 0283/1

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| 1 | AN ACT to amend 441.06 (3) and 441.10 (3) (b); and to create 441.001 (5) of the |
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| 2 | statutes; relating to: collection of workforce data in state-licensed nursing   |
| 3 | professions.  |

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce.

4 Section 1. 441.001 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

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5 441.001 (5) WORKFORCE DATA. "Workforce data" includes information relating to gender, race and ethnicity, employment, and education.

**NOTE:** This Section creates a definition of "workforce data". Under state drafting standards, use of the term "includes" expands the scope of the definition to encompass other reasonably related examples not specifically enumerated.

- **SECTION 2.** 441.06 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, is amended to read:
- 441.06 (3) A registered nurse practicing for compensation shall, on or before the applicable renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), submit to the board on furnished forms a statement giving name, residence, workforce data, and other facts that the board requires, with the applicable renewal fee specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) 440.03 (9) (a). The department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department of workforce development regarding the fields necessary to collect appropriate workforce data.

**Note:** Current law requires an individual to hold and annually renew a license in order to practice professional nursing in Wisconsin.

This Section directs the department of regulation and licensing (DRL) to collect workforce data as part of the registered nurse license renewal. It directs DRL and the department of workforce development to cooperate in formulating the fields necessary to collect appropriate data.

**COMMENT:** Section 441.06 (3), stats., relates to licensure renewal of registered nurses. Since an advanced practice nurse also must be a registered nurse, questions regarding advanced practice nursing could be answered through the R.N. license renewal.

**SECTION 3.** 441.10 (3) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, is amended to read:

441.10 (3) (b) On or before the applicable renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), a licensed practical nurse practicing for compensation shall submit to the board, on forms furnished by the department, an application for license renewal, together with a statement giving name, residence, nature and extent of practice as a licensed practical nurse during the prior year and prior unreported years, workforce data, and other facts bearing upon current competency that the board requires, accompanied by the applicable license renewal fee specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) 440.03 (9) (a). The department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department of workforce development regarding the fields necessary to collect appropriate workforce data.

**Note:** Current law requires an individual to hold and annually renew a license in order to hold himself or herself out as a licensed practical nurse.

This Section directs DRL to collect workforce data as part of the licensed practical nurse license renewal. It directs DRL and the department of workforce development to cooperate in formulating the fields necessary to collect appropriate data.

**SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect on July 1, 2009, or on the first day of the third month beginning after publication, whichever is later.

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