

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 114

Nursing Services/Hospital Nurse Staffing Plans by Senator Aronberg

Requires each licensed hospital, by September 1, 2010, to establish a nurse staffing collaborative council. Provides that responsibilities of the council include development and oversight of an annual patient care unit and shift-based nurse staffing plan, based on the needs of patients, which shall be used as the primary factor in developing the nurse staffing budget. Provides factors to be considered in the development of the plan including, but not limited to:

- Census information.
- The acuity level of all patients and the nature of the care to be delivered on each shift.
- The skill mix.
- The level of education, training and experience of the nursing personnel providing care.
- The need for specialized equipment.
- The physical layout and design of the patient care unit.
- Hospital finances and resources.

Requires a semiannual review of the staffing plan with regard to patient needs and evidence-based staffing information and an annual review with nursing personnel in each patient care area. Requires the plan to be shared with the community upon request. (See bill for details)