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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No. 610-X-3-.05
Rule Title Outcome Standards
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

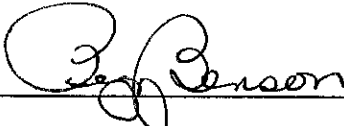
Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date February 19, 2015

DATE FILED
(STAMP)

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: Rule 610-X-3-.05 Outcome Standards

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Rule 610-X-3-.05 Outcome Standards

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Rule 610-X-3-.05 Outcome Standards

The changes define the process related to first time pass rates scores during the three year rolling average period. The changes reflect what occurs when pass rate scores for year one and year two cannot mathematically meet the three year average of 80%.

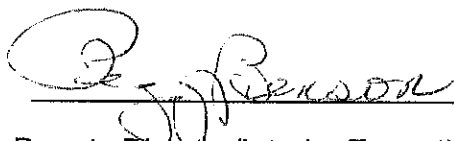
In addition the provisional program first fiscal year results of first time writers I pass rates are addressed related to failure to meet.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Monday, April 6, 2015. Verbal or written comments may be directed to Peggy Benson, Deputy Director/Interim Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at peggy.benson@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, April 6, 2015.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Peggy Benson, Deputy Director/Interim Executive Officer.



Deputy Director/Interim Executive Officer

610-X-3-.05 Outcome Standards

(1) Graduates shall demonstrate theoretical and clinical competence for entry into practice.

(2) Graduates, as a composite of first-time writers, shall achieve no less than an eighty percent (80%) pass rate on a board-selected national licensure exam. Beginning with Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (October 1, 2012), the Board shall calculate the program's pass rate with a three-year rolling average. The first three-year period ends at the end of Fiscal Year 2015 (September 30, 2015). The Board shall take the pass rate for FY 2013 through FY 2015 and average the pass rate. Subsequent to FY 2015, the Board shall drop the pass rate for the first of the three-year time period, add the subsequent first-time writers pass rate, and calculate the three-year average.

(a) Programs with less than a forty percent (40%) pass rate at the end of the first fiscal year are mathematically unable to meet the standard and will be issued a notice of deficiency, to be corrected within the specified time.

(b) Programs with less than a two year average of 70 percent (70%), are mathematically unable to meet the outcome standard and will be issued a notice of deficiency, to be corrected within the specified time.

(c) Programs that fail to meet the three year rolling average of eighty percent (80%) will be issued a notice of deficiency, to be corrected within the specified time.

(2 3) Graduates of Provisional programs, as a composite of first-time writers, following receipt of the first fiscal year report of performance of graduates on the national licensure examination, shall achieve no less than an eighty percent (80%) pass rate. Programs that fail to meet the standard will be granted continued provisional approval and issued a notice of deficiency to be corrected within the specified time.

(34) Programs shall adhere to their written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program that is comprehensive, demonstrates ongoing evaluation, is based on program outcomes and incorporates continuous improvement. The systematic evaluation plan shall include:

(a) Collection, aggregation, analysis and trending of data.

(b) Programmatic outcomes, levels of achievement, evaluative criteria, assignment of responsibility, frequency of assessment, methods of achievement, actions taken and quantitative data collected.

(c) Ongoing evaluation and revisions based on the

evaluation. (d) A mechanism for accountability for academic integrity.

(4-5) Programs shall maintain and produce at the Board's request, an articulation plan for program graduates.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-5

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19, 2010. Effective December 24, 2010. **Amended:** Filed June 25,
2012. Effective July 30, 2012.