



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Nursing School Admission Requirements

- Requires the Board of Regents to adopt a policy requiring 80% of students accepted into the U of I bachelor of science in nursing program are residents of Iowa.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 Section 262.9 New Subsection:

Amended to add that the Board of Regents shall adopt a policy requiring that 80% of the students who are accepted in to the bachelor of science nursing program at the U of I are residents of Iowa.

The Board will adopt a policy that gives priority for admission to residents of Iowa who apply to the bachelor or science nursing program at the U of I.

Adopt a policy requiring an application for admission to include an applicant attestation that includes all of the following:

- I was born in Iowa or graduated from an Iowa high school.
- I was not born in Iowa or did not graduate from an Iowa high school; however, I am interested in working in Iowa after graduation.
- I was not born in Iowa or did not graduate from an Iowa high school; however, I am interested in enrolling in the bachelor of science in nursing program at the U of I.

Require the U of I to submit an annual report to the GA that contains all of the following for the immediately preceding calendar year:

- The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who were accepted into the nursing program.
- The number of applicants who are residents of Iowa who were not accepted into the program and a brief statement related to why each applicant was denied.

Personal information regarding an applicant in an annual report shall be kept confidential as required by FERPA and in the same manner as personal information in student records maintained, created, collected, or assembled by or for a school corporation or education institution.

"Bachelor of science in nursing program" means the undergraduate bachelor of science in nursing degree program offered by the college of nursing at the state university of Iowa.

"Resident of Iowa" means an individual who graduated from an Iowa high school.

Amendment Analysis

Amendment H-8002 by Wills—

- Requires the U of I to adopt the policy no later than December 31, 2026 and beginning with the fall 2027 semester implement the policy.
- Changes 80% to 70%.