

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6480

BILL NUMBER: SB 176

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 31, 2025

BILL AMENDED: Mar 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Nursing Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Yoder

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Barrett

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *State Board of Nursing Membership*– The bill adds members to the Indiana State Board of Nursing and changes the required qualifications for certain members.

Licensed Practical Nurses– The bill amends the requirements that an individual applying for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse must meet. The bill provides that an applicant for a state accredited program of practical nursing is not required to have a high school diploma or its equivalent. The bill requires a student of the program to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent before completing the program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *State Board of Nursing Membership*– Adding two additional members to the State Board of Nursing would require new expenditures ranging from \$3,600 to \$4,000 per state fiscal year, based on the average per diem, mileage, and parking allowance of current members per meeting, and assuming 12 meetings per fiscal year.

Licensed Practical Nurses– The Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) would likely need to update the LPN section of their agency website based on the bill’s changes. The PLA’s licensing database and application forms would need to be modified to comply with the bill. Additionally, the PLA would have to file high school degree information on applicants’ applications. It is likely these changes would require minimal additional workload or expenditures to implement.

Additional Information– There were about 1,800 initial LPN licenses issued during FY 2023 and FY 2024.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Licensed Practical Nurses*– State revenues from licensing fees may increase slightly within the first two years of the bill’s implementation as potentially more persons may apply for an LPN license. Over the previous two state fiscal years (FY 2023 and FY 2024) about 1,800 persons applied for an LPN license, amounting to approximately \$90,950 in fee revenue collected over the biennium.

Additional Information– There are currently six LPN training programs officially approved by the Indiana

State Board of Nursing.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency, FY 2023 and FY 2024 license counts;
<https://www.in.gov/pla/files/2024-PUBLIC-Accredited-Schools-by-ISBN.pdf>;
LSA/OFMA license cost estimator, FY 2025 edition.

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