

Senate Bill 100

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Balfour of the 9th and Butterworth of the 50th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-26-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," so as to
3 revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-26-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
8 relative to the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," is amended by revising
9 paragraph (1.2) as follows:

10 "(1.2) 'Approved nursing education program' located in this state means a nursing
11 education program approved by the board as meeting criteria established by the board.
12 An 'approved nursing education program' located outside this state means a nursing
13 education program that the board has determined to meet criteria similar to and not less
14 stringent than criteria established by the board. In order to be approved by the board, a
15 nursing education program must be one that is offered by:

16 (A) A unit of the University System of Georgia accredited by the Commission on
17 Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

18 (B) An institution of the Technical College System of Georgia accredited by the
19 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

20 (C) A nonprofit postsecondary institution of higher education that is accredited by a
21 regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education;

22 or

23 (D) A proprietary institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional
24 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; or

25 (E) A nonprofit postsecondary institution of higher education that is a four-year
26 institution whose credits or degrees are accepted for credit by at least three other

27 postsecondary institutions of higher education that are accredited by a regional
28 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.