

**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
State of Illinois  
2019 and 2020  
SB0132**

Introduced 1/29/2019, by Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

225 ILCS 60/20	from Ch. 111, par. 4400-20
225 ILCS 65/55-35	
225 ILCS 65/60-40	
225 ILCS 65/65-60	was 225 ILCS 65/15-45

Amends the Nurse Practice Act and the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules to include implicit bias training in the continuing education requirements for licensees under the Acts. Defines "implicit bias". Effectively immediately.

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**A BILL FOR**

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended by  
5 changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 60/20) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-20)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2019)

8 Sec. 20. Continuing education. The Department shall  
9 promulgate rules of continuing education for persons licensed  
10 under this Act that require an average of 50 hours of  
11 continuing education per license year. These rules shall be  
12 consistent with requirements of relevant professional  
13 associations, specialty societies, or boards. The rules shall  
14 also address variances in part or in whole for good cause,  
15 including, but not limited to, temporary illness or hardship.  
16 In establishing these rules, the Department shall consider  
17 educational requirements for medical staffs, requirements for  
18 specialty society board certification or for continuing  
19 education requirements as a condition of membership in  
20 societies representing the 2 categories of licensee under this  
21 Act. These rules shall assure that licensees are given the  
22 opportunity to participate in those programs sponsored by or  
23 through their professional associations or hospitals which are

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1 relevant to their practice. Each licensee is responsible for  
2 maintaining records of completion of continuing education and  
3 shall be prepared to produce the records when requested by the  
4 Department.

5 By January 1, 2020, the Department shall adopt rules to  
6 include implicit bias training in continuing education  
7 requirements. As used in this Section, "implicit bias" means  
8 the unconscious attitudes or stereotypes that can affect  
9 behaviors, decisions, and actions in the treatment of women and  
10 minority groups.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-622, eff. 11-23-11.)

12 Section 10. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing  
13 Sections 55-35, 60-40, and 65-60 as follows:

14 (225 ILCS 65/55-35)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

16 Sec. 55-35. Continuing education for LPN licensees. The

17 Department may adopt rules of continuing education for licensed  
18 practical nurses that require 20 hours of continuing education  
19 per 2-year license renewal cycle. The rules shall address  
20 variances in part or in whole for good cause, including without  
21 limitation illness or hardship. The continuing education rules  
22 must ensure that licensees are given the opportunity to  
23 participate in programs sponsored by or through their State or  
24 national professional associations, hospitals, or other

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1 providers of continuing education. Each licensee is  
2 responsible for maintaining records of completion of  
3 continuing education and shall be prepared to produce the  
4 records when requested by the Department.

5 By January 1, 2020, the Department shall adopt rules to  
6 include implicit bias training in continuing education  
7 requirements. As used in this Section, "implicit bias" means  
8 the unconscious attitudes or stereotypes that can affect  
9 behaviors, decisions, and actions in the treatment of women and  
10 minority groups.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-639, eff. 10-5-07.)

12 (225 ILCS 65/60-40)

13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

14 Sec. 60-40. Continuing education for RN licensees. The  
15 Department may adopt rules of continuing education for  
16 registered professional nurses licensed under this Act that  
17 require 20 hours of continuing education per 2-year license  
18 renewal cycle. The rules shall address variances in part or in  
19 whole for good cause, including without limitation illness or  
20 hardship. The continuing education rules must ensure that  
21 licensees are given the opportunity to participate in programs  
22 sponsored by or through their State or national professional  
23 associations, hospitals, or other providers of continuing  
24 education. Each licensee is responsible for maintaining  
25 records of completion of continuing education and shall be

1 prepared to produce the records when requested by the  
2 Department.

3 By January 1, 2020, the Department shall adopt rules to  
4 include implicit bias training in continuing education  
5 requirements. As used in this Section, "implicit bias" means  
6 the unconscious attitudes or stereotypes that can affect  
7 behaviors, decisions, and actions in the treatment of women and  
8 minority groups.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-639, eff. 10-5-07.)

10 (225 ILCS 65/65-60) (was 225 ILCS 65/15-45)

11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

12 Sec. 65-60. Continuing education. The Department shall  
13 adopt rules of continuing education for persons licensed under  
14 this Article as advanced practice registered nurses that  
15 require 80 hours of continuing education per 2-year license  
16 renewal cycle. Completion of the 80 hours of continuing  
17 education shall be deemed to satisfy the continuing education  
18 requirements for renewal of a registered professional nurse  
19 license as required by this Act.

20 The 80 hours of continuing education required under this  
21 Section shall be completed as follows:

22 (1) A minimum of 50 hours of the continuing education  
23 shall be obtained in continuing education programs as  
24 determined by rule that shall include no less than 20 hours  
25 of pharmacotherapeutics, including 10 hours of opioid

1 prescribing or substance abuse education. Continuing  
2 education programs may be conducted or endorsed by  
3 educational institutions, hospitals, specialist  
4 associations, facilities, or other organizations approved  
5 to offer continuing education under this Act or rules and  
6 shall be in the advanced practice registered nurse's  
7 specialty.

8 (2) A maximum of 30 hours of credit may be obtained by  
9 presentations in the advanced practice registered nurse's  
10 clinical specialty, evidence-based practice, or quality  
11 improvement projects, publications, research projects, or  
12 preceptor hours as determined by rule.

13 The rules adopted regarding continuing education shall be  
14 consistent to the extent possible with requirements of relevant  
15 national certifying bodies or State or national professional  
16 associations.

17 The rules shall not be inconsistent with requirements of  
18 relevant national certifying bodies or State or national  
19 professional associations. The rules shall also address  
20 variances in part or in whole for good cause, including but not  
21 limited to illness or hardship. The continuing education rules  
22 shall assure that licensees are given the opportunity to  
23 participate in programs sponsored by or through their State or  
24 national professional associations, hospitals, or other  
25 providers of continuing education. Each licensee is  
26 responsible for maintaining records of completion of

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7 behaviors, decisions, and actions in the treatment of women and  
8 minority groups.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.