

Chapter 855

(House Bill 1053)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Nursing – Executive Director Qualifications – ~~Study~~

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a stakeholder workgroup to study~~ altering the qualifications for the executive director of the State Board of Nursing; and generally relating to qualifications for the executive director of the State Board of Nursing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 8–204(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapters 222 and 223 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the ~~Maryland Department of Health shall~~ Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~(1) convene a stakeholder workgroup to study the qualifications for the executive director of the State Board of Nursing, including by:~~

~~(i) discussing the functionality and effectiveness of the Board;~~

~~(ii) examining qualifications for executive directors of other State health occupations boards; and~~

~~(iii) examining the qualifications for executive directors of other state boards of nursing; and~~

~~(2) on or before December 1, 2024, submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the workgroup's findings and recommendations, if any, for statutory changes to the qualifications for the executive director of the State Board of Nursing.~~

Article – Health Occupations

8–204.

(d) The Board may:

(1) Employ a staff in accordance with the State budget;

(2) Define the duties of its staff; and

(3) Employ:

(i) An executive director [who shall be a registered nurse with a minimum of a master's degree in nursing or the equivalent, in the judgment of the Board, in professional education and administrative experience]; and

(ii) A deputy director who shall assume the duties and authority of the executive director in the absence of the executive director.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the termination date of Section 2 of Chapter 222 and Section 2 of Chapter 223 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023. If the termination date of Section 2 of Chapter 222 and Section 2 of Chapter 223 is amended, Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the termination of Section 2 of Chapter 222 and Section 2 of Chapter 223.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.