



# Board of Nursing

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March 14, 2023

The Honorable Melony Griffith  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: SB 669 – Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup – Letter of Information with Amendments**

Dear Chair Griffith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the Board) respectfully submits this letter of information with amendments for Senate Bill 669 – Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup. This bill establishes the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup to study the feasibility of developing and implementing an apprenticeship program in the state of Maryland.

The Board believes representation from educational and healthcare institutions will further aid the Registered Nurse Apprenticeship Program Workgroup in studying the feasibility of developing and implementing a nurse apprenticeship program in the state and reviewing existing models of nurse apprenticeship programs in other jurisdictions and countries. The Deans and Directors would provide extensive information on nursing school enrollment and the requirements to successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination. The Chief Nursing Officers would provide data on nursing workforce shortages and current programs for students to gain clinical experience. The Board respectfully submits the following amendments to include additional nursing entities in the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Program Workgroup.

On page 2. Lines 5 – 6. Remove “AND”

(9) one representative of the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, designated by the Chair of the Board; [and]

On page 2. After Line 9. Insert Additional Members.

**(11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL OF DEANS AND DIRECTORS OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING PROGRAMS, DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL; AND**

**(12) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF NURSING OFFICERS, DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.**

For the reasons discussed above, the Maryland Board of Nursing respectfully submits this letter of information with amendments for SB 669.

I hope this information is useful. For more information, please contact Ms. Iman Farid, Health Planning and Development Administrator, at [iman.farid@maryland.gov](mailto:iman.farid@maryland.gov) or Ms. Rhonda Scott, Deputy Director, at (410) 585 – 1953 ([rhonda.scott2@maryland.gov](mailto:rhonda.scott2@maryland.gov)).

Sincerely,



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Board President

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