

HB 982 -- Disciplinary Actions Taken Against Nurses

Sponsor: Meadows

This bill requires the State Board of Nursing to file a complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission before any documentation may appear on file or any disciplinary action is taken against a licensed nurse because of a complaint. If no action is taken by the board, at the request of the licensee, all records regarding the complaint will be expunged. Currently, only records of complaints filed by persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections may be expunged.

Any employers of registered nurses, including nurse agencies, are required to report to the board any disciplinary action taken against a licensee, including the termination of contracted services due to complaints.

Disciplinary action must be deemed final after any licensed nurse has exhausted his or her rights under any existing grievance and arbitration procedure.