

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB916**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 31, 2014  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Crawford  
**One Liner:** Eliminate integrated practice agreements and change provisions regarding nurse practitioners

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Watermeier  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Sue Crawford  
Kathy Hoebelkeinrich  
Cathy Phillips  
Jamie Peters  
Kelley Hasenaur  
Sean Scribner  
Linda Lazure  
Don Wesely  
Paula Whittle  
Jennifer Thiellen

**Representing:**

District 45  
Nebraska Nurse Practitioners  
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Nebraska Nurse Practitioners  
Platte Valley Women's Healthcare  
Nebraska Nurse Anesthetists Association  
Self  
Nebraska Nurses Association  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

David Buntain  
Joseph Acierno  
Cssie Krause  
Richard Blatney, Sr.  
Robert L. Wergin

**Representing:**

Nebraska Medical Association  
DHHS  
Self  
Nebraska Medical Association  
Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians/American  
Academy of Family Physicians  
Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians  
Nebraska Medical Association  
Nebraska Medical Association

**Neutral:**

Marlene Deras  
Bruce Rieker

**Representing:**

Self  
Nebraska Hospital Association

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 916 amends current statute to remove nurse practitioners from the list of standardized integrated practice agreements established by the board.

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The bill also removes the requirements incorporated as a result of integrated practice agreements: such as controlled substance limitations to be listed on such agreements; eliminating the two thousand hour of practice under the supervision of a physician; protocols, liability insurance, and how to obtain a waiver of an integrated practice agreement.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment becomes the bill. It removes the requirement for an integrated practice agreement between a nurse practitioner and a collaborating physician. It also removes the requirement that a nurse practitioner complete a minimum of two thousand hours of practice under the supervision of a physician.

The amendment provides for a "Transition-to-practice agreement" which is a collaborative agreement between a nurse practitioner and a supervising provider. A transition-to-practice agreement shall be: (a) A formal written agreement that provides that both the nurse practitioner and supervising provider practice collaboratively within the framework of their respective scopes of practice; (b) each party in the agreement shall be responsible for his or her individual decisions and shall have joint responsibility for the delivery of health care; (c) the supervising provider shall be responsible for supervision of the nurse practitioner; and (d) for a nurse practitioner to serve as the supervising provider he or she shall have ten thousand hours of practice as a nurse practitioner.

"Supervising provider" means a physician, osteopathic physician, or nurse practitioner licensed and practicing in Nebraska. The supervising provider must be practicing in the same practice specialty, related specialty or field of practice as the nurse practitioner being supervised.

"Supervision" means the ready availability of the supervising provider for consultation and direction of the activities within the nurse practitioner's defined scope of practice.

The amendment requires that, in order to practice in the state, a licensed nurse practitioner shall submit to the department a transition to practice agreement, or evidence of completion of two thousand hours of practice as a nurse practitioner completed under a transition-to-practice agreement, under a collaborative agreement, under an integrated practice agreement, through independent practice, or under any combination of such agreements and practice as allowed in this state or another state.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson