

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §215.3,  
relating to Program Development, Expansion and Closure**

**Background:** The proposed amendments, attached hereto as Attachment "A", allow the Executive Director to accept a program's voluntary closure without Board ratification and require a program to wait one calendar year from the date its voluntary closure was accepted before submitting a new nursing education program proposal to the Board.

**Staff Recommendation:** Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §215.3, relating to *Program Development, Expansion and Closure*, with authority for the General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and Board intent and to comply with the formatting requirements of the *Texas Register*. If no negative comments and no request for a public hearing are received, move to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §215.3, relating to *Program Development, Expansion and Closure*, as proposed.

Attachment "A"

§215.3. Program Development, Expansion and Closure.

(a) - (c) (No change.)

(d) Closing a Program.

(1) - (3) (No change.)

(4) A program's voluntary closure under this section may be accepted by the Executive Director of the Board without requirement of Board ratification. Notice of a program's accepted closure shall be sent to the director or coordinator and others as determined by the Board. The chief administrative officer of the governing entity shall be notified by the Board when the program's closure is accepted by the Executive Director. The program shall then be removed from the list of Board approved professional nursing education programs.

(5) A program that has voluntarily closed under this section may reapply for approval. However, a new proposal may not be submitted to the Board until at least twelve (12) calendar months from the date the program's closure was accepted by the Executive Director have elapsed.

(6) A program submitting its voluntary closure under this section must comply with all of the requirements of this section.

(e) (No change.)