

Sec. 9. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; REPORT

(a) The Office of Professional Regulation, in consultation with the Vermont Board of Nursing, Vermont State Colleges, the University of Vermont, Norwich University, and other interested stakeholders, shall:

fa review statutory, regulatory, and accreditation standards for nursing programs within the State and nationally with the purpose of identifying barriers to recruitment and retention of nurse educators in nursing education programs; and

(ii) evaluate the feasibility and develop requirements of a Medical Corpsman to Licensed Practical Nurse Program that awards credit toward a Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate for military veterans who have received training through the METC Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program.

~~(b) The Office of Professional Regulation shall evaluate the appropriateness of the level of credential and experience currently required for nurse educators in clinical settings.~~

(c) On or before December 15, 2019, the Office of Professional Regulation shall report its findings, including recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes to facilitate recruitment and retention of nurse faculty and development of a Medical Corpsman to Licensed Practical Nurse Program, to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Government Operations and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Government Operations.