**Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)**

NLAC recommends increasing access to care for Texans by removing unnecessary barriers to practice for APRNs and preserving APRN practice.

*SB by – hold for FPA bill*

*SB by – AA bill*

*SB by – CSII bill*

**Nurse Education**

The Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (NSRP) provides incentive funding to institutions that increase nursing graduates. Given the severity of the nursing shortage in Texas, NLAC recommends continuing this program and increasing both flexibility and utilization of the program with an increased appropriation.

*\_\_ Rider in Appropriations*

The Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program provides an incentive for nurses to accept faculty positions in nursing schools. NLAC recommends increasing the flexibility of the program as well as the appropriation to support it.

*SB \_\_ by Hinojosa – hold for NFLRP bill*

**School Nurses**

School nurses are the first line of caregivers for children with existing or developing health issues. NLAC encourages the Legislature to allow providers in Texas to prescribe asthma inhalers to schools under a standing order so that school nurses can adequately provide emergency care to students in need.
*SB by – hold for asthma bill*

**Workplace Protections**

NLAC supports legislation which expands workplace violence protection for health care facility employees and requires broad reporting and preventive measures.
*HB by – hold for workplace violence bill*

Currently, freestanding emergency medical care facilities are exempt from nursing protections that already apply to hospitals and other facilities. These facilities should be held to the same standard as others. NLAC supports applying safe patient handling & mobility requirements, mandatory overtime prohibitions, nurse staffing requirements, and workplace safety procedural requirements to freestanding emergency facilities.

*HB by – hold for FEMC bill*

**Texas Women’s Health Coalition**

NLAC supports strengthening Women’s Health Programs, improving access to contraceptives, and minimizing barriers to preventative care.

**Public Health Coalition**

NLAC supports public health initiatives that will benefit Texans and lower state healthcare expenditures. The Legislature should protect our youths by improving the quality of health education in schools and raising the minimum age of tobacco sales from 18 to 21. The Legislature should support communicable disease prevention by ensuring parents have the right to know about school vaccination exemption rates, requiring influenza vaccination, and improving access to the safety-net immunization program.
*SB by – hold T21 bill*

**Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition Members**

Texas Nurses Association
Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse Midwives
Texas Nurse Practitioners
Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas
Association of Operating Room Nurses of Greater Houston
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics & Neonatal Nurses
Houston Chapter Oncology Nursing Society
Houston Organization of Nurse Executives
Texas Association of Deans & Directors of Professional Nursing Programs
Central Texas Chapter American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of Texas

Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of Austin
Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists
Texas Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses
Texas Emergency Nurses Association
Texas Nursing Students’ Association
Texas Organization of Associate Degree Nurses
Texas Organization of Baccalaureate & Graduate Nurse Educators
Texas Organization of Nurse Executives
Texas School Nurses Organization
Association of Operating Room Nurses – North Harris Montgomery County
Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice