



An Update on the Implementation of the Workplace Violence Against Nurses Prevention Grant Program

**As Required by
Texas Health and Safety Code
Section 105.011**



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In accordance with the [Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 105.011](#), the nursing resource section in the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), to the extent funding is available, shall administer a grant program to fund innovative approaches for reducing verbal and physical violence against nurses in hospitals, freestanding emergency medical care facilities, nursing facilities, and home health agencies.

The implementation of this new section requires the adoption of rules, a contract with the Texas Board of Nursing for the transfer of money to fund the grant program, as well as the development of a Request for Applications (RFA).

As of the date of this publication, the proposed rules that establish this grant program are posted in the Texas Register for public comment. The public comment period ends on July 22, 2018. All comments received will be reviewed and considered for incorporation in the rules. Subsequently, the rules will be submitted for final agency approval and adoption. The anticipated adoption date is October 2018.

The execution of an interagency contract with the Board of Nursing to transfer money to DSHS to fund the grant program is currently under DSHS review. The anticipated contract execution date is August 2018.

The development of an RFA for the grant program is also in progress. As of the date of this publication, the anticipated date for posting the RFA is November 2018 and for awarding contracts is February 2019.

The nursing advisory committee, established by [Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 104.0155](#), is serving in an advisory capacity for this grant program through the assignment of a taskforce to assist with the development of the RFA and evaluation of applications.

In summation, the implementation of this statute is in progress and is expected to be fully implemented by the end of fiscal year 2019, with an updated report submitted on December 1, 2019.