

TO: Chairman Testin and Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Chairman Sanfelippo and Members of the Assembly Committee on Health

FROM: Janet Wessel Krejci, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, Dean and Professor of the Marquette University College of Nursing

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Support for Senate Bill 394 and Assembly Bill 396 Relating to advanced practice registered nurses, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

Please accept my written comments as my previous commitments will not allow me to testify before the Senate Committee on Health on July 28th regarding Senate Bill 394 nor the Assembly Committee on Health on July 29th regarding Assembly Bill 396. As Dean of the Marquette University College of Nursing, I would like to thank Senator Testin and Representative Cabral-Guevara for authoring SB 394 and AB 396 relating to advanced practice registered nurses, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

Background on Marquette University College of Nursing

Marquette University's baccalaureate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, doctor of nursing practice, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs at Marquette University College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). In addition, the College of Nursing is approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing. Marquette's Nurse-Midwifery Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education. Marquette's Nurse Anesthesia Educational Program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs.

More information regarding Marquette University College of Nursing's Master's, Post-Master's Certificate, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) programs can be found here: [Nursing Graduate programs // Graduate School // Marquette University](#).

In many of these programs, there is a waiting list, primarily because of the limitations in placements in clinical settings. We are graduating our first Nurse Anesthesia DNP students this August. The demand is great for these and other Advanced Practice Nurses.

Support for Senate Bill 394 and Assembly Bill 396

Marquette University College of Nursing is supportive of SB 394 and AB 396 the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Modernization Act.

These companion bills provide criteria for licensure in Wisconsin, including:

- Graduated from an accredited APRN education program.
- Graduated with a Master's Degree (or Post-Master's certificate) or higher in one of the four roles.
- Obtained National Board Certification that is approved by the Board of Nursing.
- Provided evidence of having medical malpractice insurance coverage.

Under the proposed APRN Modernization legislation:

- Provides a separate license for APRN.
- Includes the practice role (CNM, CRNA, CNS, NP).
- Provides title protection for APRN, CNM, CRNA, CNS and NP.
- Allows all APRNs currently practicing in a recognized role to receive an APRN license.
- Replaces APNP with APRN across 50 other state statutes.
 - o Codifies the opt-out of federal CRNA supervision requirement that has been in existence since 2005.
- Repeals §441.15 – Nurse Midwife Practice Act.
- Repeals §441.16 – Prescription Privileges for Advanced Practice Nurse.

Thank you for the opportunity to outline key areas of Senate Bill 394 and Assembly Bill 396 and express the support of Marquette University College of Nursing as we continue to find ways to address the health care patient-centered needs of Wisconsin residents while meeting excellence in educational standards.

If you wish to discuss the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Modernization Act further, I would be happy to make myself available. Please contact Mary Czech-Mrochinski in Marquette's Office of Public Affairs at mary.czech@marquette.edu or at (414) 288-3969 to arrange for a discussion.

Sincerely,



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