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HB 2697, the safe-staffing law, was rightly enacted to ensure patients have the level of care they need, and nurses have the ability to provide that care to each of the patients they are charged with overseeing during a shift. Many departments are still waiting for the staffing levels required by HB 2697 to become reality, as healthcare giants drag their feet. Clearly, they have been funneling money and lobbying into many of your offices for you to consider weakening HB 2697.

Increasing staffing ratios is not safe for patients, or nurses. Patients die preventable deaths when their nurses are overlooked. Nurses are the ones who will catch health problems in time to save a life. Do not increase staffing ratios, and enforce HB 2697 so that patients and nurses are safer.