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Via Email Only to afast@npr.org

Mr. Austin Fast
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RE: Public Records Request: NPR

Mr. Fast:

Attached please find public information regarding Alabama RN and LPN licensure application data from January 1, 2019 through September 26, 2021. As with all such responses, the attachment has been produced in PDF format to ensure metadata security.

As you review the data for average days from application to licensure, I encourage you to consider the following factors:

- Applications for licensure are not complete until all documents have been received by the Board, so the application date often is not the date of completion. The Board does not record completion dates, as the documents are noted on checklists.
- A large number of applications are never completed by the applicant and expire after 12 months.
- Alabama entered the Nurse Licensure Compact on January 1, 2020. Since that date, each applicant for multistate licensure and/or licensure by endorsement has been required to submit to a fingerprint background check. This background check may take up to several weeks to complete.
- Many new graduate nurse applicants fail the national licensure exam (NCLEX) and subsequently submit one or more repeat applications.
- Applicants for reinstatement of a revoked license must comply with a number of stipulations (available for review on the Board's website).
- A significant number of applications (e.g.: reinstatement of revoked license; applicants with potential violations of the Nurse Practice Act) require investigation and review for approval or denial by the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

I trust that this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,

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