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This bill changes the requirement for a written collaborative practice arrangement between a physician and an advanced practice registered nurse by expanding the review, which is currently of the nurse's prescribing practices, to include the nurse's delivery of health care services and a physician's review of at least 10% of the nurse's charts every 14 days. The physician must also review every 14 days at least 20% of the charts of patients to whom the nurse prescribes controlled substances. These reviews may be counted as part of the 10% requirement.

Collaborative practice arrangements for certain population-based public health services are exempt from the joint rule-making authority of the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts and the State Board of Nursing within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration.

The definition of "eligible student" as it relates to the Nursing Student Loan Program is revised to allow a student seeking a doctoral degree in nursing or a student with a master of science in nursing seeking a doctorate in education to participate in the loan program. The doctoral applicant may be a part-time student.