**NURSI 2330 Finding Nursing Legislative Issues**

A GREAT way to find topics and keep abreast of legislative happenings that effect nurses and healthcare is to look at the web pages of nursing associations and organizations (both state and national).

Go to the **Library Nursing Resource Guide: Websites** page <http://www.codlrc.org/HS/nursing/web>

Look under the ***Nursing Associations & Organizations*** *section*

A useful local (State) association example is the **American Nurses Association—Illinois**. Members receive a paper copy of their newsletter/newspaper, *The Nursing Voice*. This newsletter is also *free* online in PDF format. To access it:

Select [**American Nurses Association--Illinois**](https://www.ana-illinois.org/) (direct link: <https://www.ana-illinois.org/> )

* click on the **News & Events Tab** and select *Publications* <https://www.ana-illinois.org/news-events/publications/>

You will see icons for *The Nursing Voice* and other nurse-focused ANA publications.

* Select *The Nursing Voice* and pick an issue or two. Browse through the PDFs and notice the content. There are full articles (on relevant topics such as human trafficking, bullying, and patient violence), current research as well as local news and advertisements of interest to Nurses in Illinois.
* click on the **advocacy tab** for topics/legislation and look at the advocacy portal (direct link: <http://il-nurses.com/> )
	+ See the “issues” drop-down menu at top of page. Look at the **2021 Legislative Summary** for current Illinois legislation then look up specific bills at <https://www.ilga.gov/>

Another EXCELLENT place for finding National issues is the **National League for Nursing** also found under the ***Nursing Associations & Organizations*** section

Select their Advocacy & Public Policy tab <http://www.nln.org/advocacy-public-policy>

**The Internet can provide nurses with a wealth of information on current legislative initiatives.**

Go to **Google** and try searching:

* current healthcare policy issues in Illinois
* Illinois legislation related to healthcare
* Illinois legislation related to nursing
* National nursing issues

An official bill number or a bill’s common name is often referenced in articles in addition to useful key words.

If you have a bill number or common name, for example, you can go to **the Illinois General Assembly** page <http://www.ilga.gov/> and either search by number or key word (left side of the page)

For Federal bills, go to **congress.gov** and search with the limits of legislation type: *bills*, and subject:  *health*. Here is the direct link:

[https://www.congress.gov/search?q={%22source%22:%22legislation%22,%22type%22:%22bills%22,%22subject%22:%22Health%22}&searchResultViewType=expanded](https://www.congress.gov/search?q=%7b%22source%22:%22legislation%22,%22type%22:%22bills%22,%22subject%22:%22Health%22%7d&searchResultViewType=expanded)

**Search the COD Library Catalog for Print & eBooks for Legislative Issues!**

Click here for results of the search below: [Advanced search](https://i-share-cod.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?query=title,contains,(issues%20OR%20policy%20OR%20policies%20OR%20trends%20OR%20legislative),AND&query=title,contains,(nurse%20OR%20nursing%20OR%20nurses),AND&pfilter=rtype,exact,books,AND&pfilter=dr_s,exact,20170101,AND&pfilter=dr_e,exact,20211231,AND&tab=LibraryCatalog&search_scope=MyInstitution&sortby=date_d&vid=01CARLI_COD:CARLI_COD&lang=en&mode=advanced&offset=0):

Title contains: (issues OR policy OR policies OR trends OR legislative)

AND

Title contains: (nurse OR nursing OR nurses)

\*limit to publication date 2017-2021, material type to books, language to English\*

Results include:

* *Policy and politics for nurses and other health professionals: advocacy and action*
* *Nurses making policy: from bedside to boardroom*

*And many more!*