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I am strongly opposed towards this bill. I have spent three years of college to receive the proper education to be able to assist the surgical team in the operating room. There is so much that I have learned in the classroom setting, that I would have never received in the operating room setting due to lack of training and time. Due to the surgical technology program and the year of clinicals that I went through, I was able to be as prepared as possible when stepping into surgery. This can be a very stressful job, and it requires a lot of responsibility since the surgical team relies heavily on the surgical technologist to complete their job correctly. I have trained many people for my role, and it's extremely challenging when they don't have any background in learning aseptic technique and even something simple as basic anatomy. While one can be trained to assist in surgery, I have personally witnessed the difference when a person already has an educational background in surgery. Not only do doctors rely on us technologists to stay on top of it, but patients and their family members depend on us as well. It would be a disservice to everyone included to allow people without the proper education and experience to handle a critical role as such. I highly recommend that it is still implanted for people to have to go through the proper schooling to receive their credentials to scrub in the operating room. Thank you for hearing me out.