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This bill undermines the profession of surgical technology. A much better option can be explored to help with the issue that is occurring. The profession is not one that should not be nor can it be an apprenticeship program. Patient safety is the most important aspect of healthcare and this bill would put patient safety at risk. I leave my comments with an observation that has been made and reported for several years....there is a shortage of nurses but why aren't there apprenticeship programs for that profession? It appears that surgical technology is not as valued as nurses in that the bill wants to train anyone without an education, but education is necessary to protect the patients we serve.