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AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri health profession shortage planning commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 620.510, to read as follows:

620.510. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Health Profession Shortage Planning Commission" within the department of economic development to develop recommendations regarding the health professions workforce in this state.

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Economic cluster", a grouping of industries linked together through customer, supplier, or other relationships.

(2) "Health professions workforce" and "health care professionals", professionals or paraprofessionals who are qualified by special training, education, skills, and experience in providing health care, treatment, diagnostic services, and physical therapy under the supervision of or in collaboration with a licensed practitioner, and includes but is not limited to those listed in chapter 334, RSMo, and dentists and pharmacists.

3. The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) A member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 14 (2) A member appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;
15 (3) A member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
16 (4) A member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
17 (5) The director of the departments of health and senior services, and the
18 commissioner of the coordinating board of higher education, or their designees;
19 (6) The chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees of the house
20 of representatives and senate having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
21 higher education and employment advancement, or their designees;
22 (7) A representative of the Missouri conference of community colleges; and
23 (8) A representative of the health care professions of the land grant university
24 system training health care professionals.
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- 26 Members appointed under this section shall be a recognized expert in the field of health,
27 finance, economics, or health facility management. All appointments to the board shall be
28 made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
29 be filled by the appointing authority. The term of each nonlegislative member of the
30 commission shall be three years from the date of appointment. Legislative members of the
31 commission shall serve for the duration of their current term of office.
- 32 4. The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members. Members
33 of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and
34 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the
35 commission. The commission shall convene its first meeting not later than sixty days after
36 the effective date of this section.
- 37 5. The commission shall:
- 38 (1) Monitor data and trends in the health professions workforce, including but not
39 limited to:
40 (a) The state's current and future supply and demand for health care professionals;
41 and
42 (b) The current and future capacity of the state system of higher education to
43 educate and train students pursuing health care professions;
44 (2) Develop recommendations for the formation and promotion of an economic
45 cluster for health care professions;
46 (3) Identify recruitment and retention strategies for public and independent
47 institutions of higher education with health care programs;

48 **(4) Develop recommendations for promoting diversity in the health professions**
49 **workforce, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, and gender diversity and for**
50 **enhancing the attractiveness of health care professions;**

51 **(5) Develop recommendations regarding financial and other assistance to students**
52 **enrolled in or considering enrolling in health care programs offered at public or private**
53 **institutions of higher education; and**

54 **(6) Identify recruitment and retention strategies for health care employers.**

55 **6. On or before January 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the board shall submit**
56 **a report on its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for legislation**
57 **to address health professions workforce shortages in this state to the appropriate standing**
58 **committees of the house of representatives and senate having cognizance of matters**
59 **relating to public health and higher education and employment advancement.**

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