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HOUSE BILL NO. 450
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Special Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety April 5, 2007 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 450 Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(21)(f).

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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
2 known as section 620.510, to read as follows:

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

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

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

**7 (2) "Health professions workforce" and "health care professionals", professionals
8 or paraprofessionals who are qualified by special training, education, skills, and experience
9 in providing health care, treatment, diagnostic services, and physical therapy under the
10 supervision of or in collaboration with a licensed practitioner, and includes but is not
11 limited to those listed in chapters 332, 334, 335, 336, and 338, RSMo, and dentists and
12 pharmacists.**

13 3. The commission shall consist of the following members:

14 (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.

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

51 **(3) Identify recruitment and retention strategies for public and independent**
52 **institutions of higher education with health care programs;**

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

56 **(5) Develop recommendations regarding financial and other assistance to students**
57 **enrolled in or considering enrolling in health care programs offered at area career centers**
58 **public or private two-year and four-year institutions of higher education; and**

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

60 **6. On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the board shall submit**
61 **a report on its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for legislation**
62 **to address health professions workforce shortages in this state to the appropriate standing**
63 **committees of the house of representatives and senate having cognizance of matters**
64 **relating to public health and secondary education and higher education and employment**
65 **advancement.**

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