

HB 450 -- Missouri Health Profession Shortage Planning Commission

Sponsor: Baker (25)

This bill establishes the Missouri Health Profession Shortage Planning Commission within the Department of Economic Development. Members appointed to the commission are to be recognized as experts in the field of health, finance, economics, or health facility management and must be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of the bill. Non-legislative members will serve a three-year term, while legislative members will serve the duration of their current legislative term.

The commission's duties include monitoring data and trends in the health profession workforce, making recommendations on the economic cluster for health care professions, identifying recruitment and retention strategies for higher education health care programs, promoting diversity, making recommendations on financial and other assistance to students enrolled in health care programs, and identifying recruitment and retention strategies for health care employers.

The commission will annually submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the appropriate standing committees of the House of Representatives and Senate.