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AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the office of health professions workforce planning.

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

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.1175, to read as follows:

- 192.1175. 1. There is hereby established the "Office of Health Professions Workforce Planning" within the department of health and senior services to address the shortages and maldistribution of health care professionals. If a health policy authority is established within the department, the office shall be within such authority.
- 2. The director of the office shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The office shall be staffed by faculty-level research fellows.
- 3. The office shall be funded by state appropriations, gifts, grants, and bequests, and with contracts and grants from philanthropic foundations and federal governmental agencies.
- 4. The office shall seek to sustain a health workforce that has the number, types, and distribution of health care workers needed to provide quality care for Missourians.
- 12 The office shall establish a health professionals data system in collaboration with Missouri

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Area Health Education Center, Inc., and the office of economic development and social analysis at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

5. The department may promulgate rules regarding the powers, duties, and functions of the office. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.