

## State of Minnesota

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; creating the Legislative Health Care Workforce Commission;  
1.3 requiring report.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE COMMISSION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Legislative oversight.** The Legislative Health Care Workforce  
1.7 Commission is created to study and make recommendations to the legislature on how to  
1.8 achieve the goal of strengthening the workforce in healthcare.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The Legislative Health Care Workforce Commission  
1.10 consists of five members of the senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees  
1.11 of the Committee on Rules and Administration and five members of the house of  
1.12 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house. The Legislative Health Care  
1.13 Workforce Commission must include three members of the majority party and two  
1.14 members of the minority party in each house.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Report to the legislature.** The Legislative Health Care Workforce  
1.16 Commission must provide a report making recommendations to the legislature by  
1.17 December 31, 2014. The report must:

1.18 (1) identify current and anticipated health care workforce shortages, by both  
1.19 provider type and geography;

1.20 (2) evaluate the effectiveness of incentives currently available to develop, attract,  
1.21 and retain a highly skilled health care workforce;

1.22 (3) study alternative incentives to develop, attract, and retain a highly skilled health  
1.23 care workforce; and

2.1 (4) identify current causes and potential solutions to barriers related to the primary  
2.2 care workforce, including, but not limited to:

2.3 (i) training and residency shortages;

2.4 (ii) disparities in income between primary care and other providers; and

2.5 (iii) negative perceptions of primary care among students.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Assistance to the commission.** The commissioners of health, human  
2.7 services, commerce, and other state agencies shall provide assistance and technical  
2.8 support to the commission at the request of the commission. The commission may  
2.9 convene subcommittees to provide additional assistance and advice to the commission.

2.10 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The Legislative Health Care Workforce Commission expires  
2.11 on January 1, 2015.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.