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| 04/07/2016 | 5713a | Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance |

A bill for an act
relating to health care; requiring commissioner of health to award a grant to
study low retention rates for advanced practice registered nurses and physician
assistants in primary care practice; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS PRIMARY CARE PRACTICE WORKFORCE RETENTION
STUDY.

The commissioner of health shall award a grant to a nonprofit medical research
foundation to study retention of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and
physician assistants in primary care practice in Minnesota specifically in geographic areas
of the state currently facing primary care workforce shortages. The study must examine
different primary care practice settings, including independent practice, and practice
within hospital and clinic settings. The grantee shall:

(1) develop a survey tool to measure workforce retention data for APRNs and
physician assistants within different practice settings and geographic areas focusing on the
settings and areas where primary care workforce shortages have been identified;

(2) collect workforce data on factors that would influence workforce retention within
different practice settings and geographic areas;

(3) make recommendations based on the study and data collected on possible
solutions to improve retention rates among APRNs and physician assistants in primary
care practice and on a process to share the data collected with employers, professional
associations, and state agencies; and

2.1 (4) report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
2.2 and divisions with jurisdiction over health care workforce issues on the results of the
2.3 study, data collected, and any recommendations to address workforce shortages by
2.4 October 1, 2017.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.7 of health for the APRN and physician assistant primary care practice workforce retention
2.8 study in section 1. This is a onetime appropriation.