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## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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.

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*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 chapter 334, RSMo, and dentists and pharmacists.**

**12 3. The commission shall consist of the following members:**

**13 (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.

- 14           **(2) A member appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;**  
15           **(3) A member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;**  
16           **(4) A member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;**  
17           **(5) The director of the departments of health and senior services, and the**  
18 **commissioner of the coordinating board of higher education, or their designees;**  
19           **(6) The chairpersons and ranking members of the standing committees of the house**  
20 **of representatives and senate having cognizance of matters relating to public health and**  
21 **higher education and employment advancement, or their designees;**  
22           **(7) A representative of the Missouri conference of community colleges; and**  
23           **(8) A representative of the health care professions of the land grant university**  
24 **system training health care professionals.**

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26 **Members appointed under this section shall be a recognized expert in the field of health,**  
27 **finance, economics, or health facility management. All appointments to the board shall be**  
28 **made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall**  
29 **be filled by the appointing authority. The term of each nonlegislative member of the**  
30 **commission shall be three years from the date of appointment. Legislative members of the**  
31 **commission shall serve for the duration of their current term of office.**

32           **4. The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members. Members**  
33 **of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and**  
34 **necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the**  
35 **commission. The commission shall convene its first meeting not later than sixty days after**  
36 **the effective date of this section.**

37           **5. The commission shall:**

38           **(1) Monitor data and trends in the health professions workforce, including but not**  
39 **limited to:**

40           **(a) The state's current and future supply and demand for health care professionals;**  
41 **and**

42           **(b) The current and future capacity of the state system of higher education to**  
43 **educate and train students pursuing health care professions, and the capacity to utilize**  
44 **distance education in training and education of high school professionals;**

45           **(2) Develop recommendations for the formation and promotion of an economic**  
46 **cluster for health care professions;**

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

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

52           **(5) Develop recommendations regarding financial and other assistance to students**  
53 **enrolled in or considering enrolling in health care programs offered at public or private**  
54 **institutions of higher education; and**

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

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

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