

SENATE BILL NO. 68

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AN ACT

To enact Chapter 11-F of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1901, relative to the creation of the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for compensation for members; to provide for staff and facilities; to provide for powers and duties of the commission, including the creation of the Allied Health Workforce Council; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 11-F of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 23:1901, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11-F. LOUISIANA HEALTH WORKS COMMISSION

Chapter 11-F is all new law.

§1901. Louisiana Health Works Commission; creation; membership;

compensation; staff and facilities; powers and duties

R.S. 23:1901 is all new law.

A. There is hereby created in the Louisiana Workforce Commission the Louisiana Health Works Commission, hereafter referred to as the "commission".

(1) The purpose of the commission is to serve as a collaborative working group to integrate and coordinate resources relative to health care workforce development within various state departments and key organizations.

(2) The following shall serve as members of the Louisiana Health Works Commission:

(a) The secretary of the Department of Labor or his designee.

(b) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

(c) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development or his designee.

(d) The secretary of the Department of Social Services or his designee.

(e) The president of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his designee.

(f) The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his designee.

(g) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his designee.

(h) The president of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association or his designee.

(i) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and

Welfare or his designee and the chairman of the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee or his designee.

(j) The chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare or his designee and the chairman of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations or his designee.

(k) A representative of the governor's office selected by the governor.

(l) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.

(m) The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission or his designee.

(n) The chairman of the Allied Health Workforce Council or his designee.

(o) The chairman of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners or his designee.

(p) The chairman of the Louisiana Board of Nursing or his designee.

(q) A designee of the Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education (LACANE).

(r) The president of the Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives or his designee.

(s) Two academic administrators to be designated by the Board of Regents, one to represent the two-year institutions, one to represent the four-year institutions, and one academic administrator from the disciplines of nursing or allied health to represent the Southern University School of Nursing who shall be designated by the president of the university.

(t) The chairman of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his

designee.

(u) The Superintendent of Education or his designee.

(v) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System or his designee.

(w) Two academicians designated by the president of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

(x) The president of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or his designee.

(y) A representative of the AFL-CIO.

(z) A representative of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association.

(aa) A representative of Louisiana State University Hospitals.

(bb) A representative of the Louisiana Ambulance Association.

(cc) The chairman of the Medical Education Commission or his designee, provided that the commission member provided herein shall also be a member of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

(3) Members shall serve without compensation.

(4) The Louisiana Workforce Commission shall provide the staff and facilities needed by the commission to accomplish its tasks.

(5) Nominating bodies shall submit their nominees to the Louisiana Workforce Commission not later than June 30, 2002. Members shall serve at the pleasure of nominating groups, organizations, or agencies.

(6)(a) There shall be an executive committee composed of the following:

(i) The commissioner of higher education or his designee for the commission.

(ii) The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission or his designee for the commission.

(iii) The commission member representing the chairman of the Medical Education Commission.

(iv) The chairman of the Allied Health Workforce Council or his designee for the commission.

(v) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his designee for the commission.

(b) The executive committee shall:

(i) Elect the chairperson of the commission.

(ii) Establish rules of procedure to be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(iii) Perform other tasks as the commission directs or the adopted rules of procedure require.

(7) The commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter unless the executive committee determines that there is no necessity for such a meeting.

B. The commission shall address the workforce issues in the health care industry in Louisiana, support the education of future health care workers, and work to improve the image of health care professions in Louisiana. The commission shall periodically report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, and the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations all accomplishments and recommendations of the commission including an annual report to both committees. The commission shall submit its initial annual report to such committees by February 1, 2003.

C. The commission shall study and make recommendations on at least the following workforce issues:

(1) Programs to recruit and retain health care professionals in the Louisiana workforce.

(2) Models for predicting the supply and demand for health care workers in the state through 2005 and beyond.

(3) Incentives for health care workers to practice in Louisiana's medically underserved areas.

D. The commission shall study and make recommendations on at least the following education issues:

(1) Increasing the capacity of existing education programs to maintain or increase the supply of health care professionals in Louisiana.

(2) Incentive programs for faculty retention.

(3) Strategies to increase access of individuals to appropriate entry level educational programs.

(4) Recruitment and retention models for students in the health care field.

E. The commission shall study and make recommendations on at least the following image issues:

(1) Promotional activities for health careers throughout the Louisiana K-12 school systems.

(2) Creative marketing strategies to improve the image of health care careers.

F. Within the commission there shall be an Allied Health Workforce Council, which shall be comprised of a member of each of the following groups, organizations or agencies, who shall serve at the

pleasure of the appointing group, organization or agency:

- (a) Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
- (b) Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
- (c) Louisiana Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.
- (d) Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.
- (e) Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy.
- (f) The Board of Regents.
- (g) Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.
- (h) Louisiana Hospital Association.
- (i) Louisiana Nursing Home Association.
- (j) Louisiana Medical Association.
- (k) Louisiana Pharmacists Association.
- (l) Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- (m) Louisiana Dental Association.
- (n) Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association.
- (o) Louisiana Primary Care Association.
- (p) Louisiana Speech-Language Hearing Association.
- (q) Louisiana Osteopathic Association.
- (r) Chiropractic Association of Louisiana.
- (s) Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- (t) Louisiana Ambulance Association.
- (u) Louisiana Counseling Association.

G.(1) The commission shall solicit, accept and consider any recommendations forwarded by the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (R.S. 37:1007), and the Medical Education Commission (R.S. 17:1519.8), and the Allied Health Workforce Council. These

commissions and the council shall recommend specific and targeted strategies to the Louisiana Health Works Commission for purposes of coordination among various state departments by the Louisiana Health Works Commission.

(2) The Nursing Supply and Demand Commission, the Medical Education Commission, and the Allied Health Workforce Council shall each make initial reports to the commission no later than September 1, 2002.

H. Nothing herein shall dilute the powers of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission as established by the legislature in R.S. 37:1007 or the Medical Education Commission as established by the legislature in R.S. 17:1519.8. Nothing herein shall allow the Louisiana Health Works Commission the authority to negate recommendations by the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission, the Medical Education Commission or the Allied Health Workforce Council unless approved jointly by the Senate and House health and welfare committees.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____