

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Article may be cited as the
5 Comprehensive Healthcare Workforce Planning Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Council" means the State Healthcare Workforce Council
8 created by this Act.

9 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

10 Section 10. Purpose. Implementation of this Act is entirely
11 subject to the availability and appropriation of funds from
12 federal grant money applied for by the Department of Public
13 Health. The State Healthcare Workforce Council is hereby
14 established to provide an ongoing assessment of healthcare
15 workforce trends, training issues, and financing policies, and
16 to recommend appropriate State government and private sector
17 efforts to address identified needs. The work of the Council
18 shall focus on: healthcare workforce supply and distribution;
19 cultural competence and minority participation in health
20 professions education; primary care training and practice; and
21 data evaluation and analysis. The Council shall work in
22 coordination with the State Health Improvement Plan

1 Implementation Coordination Council to ensure alignment with
2 the State Health Improvement Plan.

3 Section 15. Members.

4 (a) The following 10 persons or their designees shall be
5 members of the Council: the Director of the Department; a
6 representative of the Governor's Office; the Secretary of Human
7 Services; the Directors of the Departments of Commerce and
8 Economic Opportunity, Employment Security, Financial and
9 Professional Regulation, and Healthcare and Family Services;
10 and the executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher
11 Education, the President of the Illinois Community College
12 Board, and the State Superintendent of Education.

13 (b) The Governor shall appoint 8 additional members, who
14 shall be healthcare workforce experts, including
15 representatives of practicing physicians, nurses, pharmacists,
16 and dentists, State and local health professions
17 organizations, schools of medicine and osteopathy, nursing,
18 dental, allied health, and public health; public and private
19 teaching hospitals; health insurers, business; and labor. The
20 Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, the President
21 of the Illinois Senate, the Minority Leader of the Illinois
22 House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the
23 Illinois Senate may each appoint 2 representatives to the
24 Council. Members appointed under this subsection (b) shall
25 serve 4-year terms and may be reappointed.

1 (c) The Director of the Department shall serve as Chair of
2 the Council. The Governor shall appoint a healthcare workforce
3 expert from the non-governmental sector to serve as Vice-Chair.

4 Section 20. Five-year comprehensive healthcare workforce
5 plan.

6 (a) Every 5 years, the Department, in cooperation with the
7 Council, shall prepare a comprehensive healthcare workforce
8 plan.

9 (b) The comprehensive healthcare workforce plan shall
10 include, but need not be limited to, the following:

11 (1) 25-year projections of the demand and supply of
12 health professionals to meet the needs of healthcare within
13 the State.

14 (2) The identification of all funding sources for which
15 the State has administrative control that are available for
16 health professions training.

17 (3) Recommendations on how to rationalize and
18 coordinate the State-supported programs for health
19 professions training.

20 (4) Recommendations on actions needed to meet the
21 projected demand for health professionals over the 25 years
22 of the plan.

23 (c) Each year in which a comprehensive healthcare workforce
24 plan is not due, the Department, on behalf of the Council,
25 shall prepare a report by July 1 of that year to the Governor

1 and the General Assembly on the progress made toward achieving
2 the projected goals of the current comprehensive healthcare
3 workforce plan during the previous calendar year.

4 (d) The Department shall provide staffing to the Council.

5 Section 25. Reimbursement. The members of the Council shall
6 receive no compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement
7 for any necessary expenses incurred in connection with the
8 performance of their duties.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July
10 1, 2012.