

SENATE BILL No. 538

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Health care provider shortage. Urges the legislative council to assign topics to a study committee concerning the shortage of health care providers in Indiana.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "health care provider" has the meaning set forth in
3 IC 30-5-2-5.
4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "legislative council" refers to the
5 legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.
6 (c) As used in this SECTION, "study committee" means either
7 of the following:
8 (1) A statutory committee established under IC 2-5.
9 (2) An interim study committee.
10 (d) The legislative council is urged to assign to the appropriate
11 study committee the issue of the shortage of health care providers
12 in Indiana. The study committee shall examine information on the
13 following:
14 (1) The current need for health care providers in Indiana and
15 the projected future need.
16 (2) The present and future demand, in different practice
17 settings, for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and
18 nursing faculty at institutions of higher education.



- 1 **(3) An evaluation of the effectiveness of current programs in**
2 **Indiana and other states to address shortages of health care**
3 **providers, including scholarships, tuition reimbursement, loan**
4 **forgiveness, programs to increase the number of faculty**
5 **members who teach students to become health care providers,**
6 **resident, internship, and postgraduate programs, and**
7 **development programs.**
8 **(4) The capacity of institutions of higher education to teach**
9 **and train an adequate number of health care providers to**
10 **meet the current and future need.**
11 **(5) Funding sources used in Indiana and other states to fund**
12 **health care provider programs that address shortage issues.**
13 **(6) Whether a series of programs that address the shortage of**
14 **specific health care provider groups or a comprehensive**
15 **program that addresses the shortage of all health care**
16 **providers would be more effective.**
17 **(e) If the topics described in subsection (d) are assigned to a**
18 **study committee, the legislative council is urged to allow the study**
19 **committee a sufficient number of meetings to address the topics**
20 **that are assigned.**
21 **(f) If the topics described in subsection (d) are assigned to a**
22 **study committee, the study committee shall issue recommendations**
23 **and a final report on the topics to the legislative council in an**
24 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2017.**
25 **(g) This SECTION expires December 31, 2017.**

