

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2214

Introduced by Assembly Member Monning

February 24, 2012

An act to add Part 3.5 (commencing with Section 128590) to Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health workforce development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, as introduced, Monning. Health workforce development.

Existing law requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development within the California Health and Human Services Agency to, among other things, (1) develop a Health Manpower Plan for California that consists of, among other things, appropriate standards for determining the adequacy of supply of specified health personnel, (2) maintain a Health Professions Career Opportunity Program that includes supporting and encouraging minority health professionals in training to practice in health professional shortage areas, and (3) establish a health care workforce clearinghouse to serve as the central source of health care workforce and educational data in the state.

Existing law, the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act, creates the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission to, among other things, identify specific areas of the state where unmet priority needs for primary care family physicians and registered nurses exist.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to assist the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system.

This bill would establish within the California Workforce Investment Board the Health Workforce Development Council to help expand California’s health workforce in order to provide access to quality health care for all Californians. The bill would require the office to provide staff support to the council.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Part 3.5 (commencing with Section 128590) is
2 added to Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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4 PART 3.5. HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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6 128590. (a) The Health Workforce Development Council is
7 hereby established within the California Workforce Investment
8 Board (board) to help expand the state’s health workforce in order
9 to provide access to quality health care for all Californians. In this
10 regard, it is the intent of the Legislature to expand the state’s
11 full-time primary care workforce between 2013 and 2023.

12 (b) The council shall do both of the following:

13 (1) Understand the current and future health workforce needs
14 of California.

15 (2) Develop a comprehensive strategy to meet those needs.

16 (c) The board representative shall be the chair of the council.

17 (d) The office shall provide staff support to the council.