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**Introduced by Senator Cannella**

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An act to amend Section 128200 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1184, as introduced, Cannella. Health care: workforce training programs.

Existing law, the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act, declares the intent of the Legislature to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality education and training in specified primary care specialties and as primary care physician's assistants, primary care nurse practitioners, and registered nurses.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 128200 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 128200. (a) This article shall be ~~known~~ *known*, and may be
- 4 ~~cited~~ *cited*, as the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training
- 5 Act.
- 6 (b) (1) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that
- 7 physicians engaged in family medicine are in very short supply in
- 8 California. The current emphasis placed on specialization in
- 9 medical education has resulted in a shortage of physicians trained

1 to provide comprehensive primary health care to families. The  
2 Legislature hereby declares that it regards the furtherance of a  
3 greater supply of competent family physicians to be a public  
4 purpose of great importance and further declares the establishment  
5 of the program pursuant to this article to be a desirable, necessary,  
6 and economical method of increasing the number of family  
7 physicians to provide needed medical services to the people of  
8 California. The Legislature further declares that it is to the benefit  
9 of the state to assist in increasing the number of competent family  
10 physicians graduated by colleges and universities of this state to  
11 provide primary health care services to families within the state.

12 (2) The Legislature finds that the shortage of family physicians  
13 can be improved by the placing of a higher priority by public and  
14 private medical schools, hospitals, and other health care delivery  
15 systems in this state, on the recruitment and improved training of  
16 medical students and residents to meet the need for family  
17 physicians. To help accomplish this goal, each medical school in  
18 ~~California~~ *the state* is encouraged to organize a strong family  
19 medicine program or department. It is the intent of the Legislature  
20 that the programs or departments be headed by a physician who  
21 possesses specialty certification in the field of family medicine,  
22 and has broad clinical experience in the field of family medicine.

23 (3) The Legislature further finds that encouraging the training  
24 of primary care physician's assistants and primary care nurse  
25 practitioners will assist in making primary health care services  
26 more accessible to the ~~citizenry~~, *residents* and will, in conjunction  
27 with the training of family physicians, lead to an improved health  
28 care delivery system in ~~California~~, *the state*.

29 (4) Community hospitals in general and rural community  
30 hospitals in particular, as well as other health care delivery systems,  
31 are encouraged to develop family medicine residencies in affiliation  
32 or association with accredited medical schools, to help meet the  
33 need for family physicians in geographical areas of the state with  
34 recognized family primary health care needs. Utilization of  
35 expanded resources beyond university-based teaching hospitals  
36 should be emphasized, including facilities in rural areas wherever  
37 possible.

38 (5) The Legislature also finds and declares that nurses are in  
39 very short supply in ~~California~~, *the state*. The Legislature hereby  
40 declares that it regards the furtherance of a greater supply of nurses

1 to be a public purpose of great importance and further declares the  
2 expansion of the program pursuant to this article to include nurses  
3 to be a desirable, necessary, and economical method of increasing  
4 the number of nurses to provide needed nursing services to the  
5 people of California.

6 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for a program  
7 designed primarily to increase the number of students and residents  
8 receiving quality education and training in the primary care  
9 specialties of family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and  
10 gynecology, and pediatrics and as primary care physician's  
11 assistants, primary care nurse practitioners, and registered nurses  
12 and to maximize the delivery of primary care family physician  
13 services to specific areas of California where there is a recognized  
14 unmet priority need. This program is intended to be implemented  
15 through contracts with accredited medical schools, teaching health  
16 centers, programs that train primary care physician's assistants,  
17 programs that train primary care nurse practitioners, programs that  
18 train registered nurses, hospitals, and other health care delivery  
19 systems based on per-student or per-resident capitation formulas.  
20 It is further intended by the Legislature that the programs will be  
21 professionally and administratively accountable so that the  
22 maximum cost-effectiveness will be achieved in meeting the  
23 professional training standards and criteria set forth in this article  
24 and Article 2 (commencing with Section 128250).