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Introduced by
Senator Carter

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A WORK GROUP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO ADDRESS
THIS STATE'S NURSING WORKFORCE PREPARATION AND SHORTAGE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Nursing workforce preparation and shortage work
3 group; membership; duties; report; delayed
4 repeal

5 A. The nursing workforce preparation and shortage work group is
6 established in the department of health services to address this state's
7 nursing workforce preparation and shortage. The work group shall consist
8 of the following members:

9 1. The director of the department of health services or the
10 director's designee.

11 2. The executive director of the Arizona state board of nursing or
12 the executive director's designee.

13 3. Three members who represent each of the three universities under
14 the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents and who are appointed by
15 the Arizona board of regents.

16 4. Two members who represent any community college district that
17 has a nursing program and who are appointed by the Arizona state board of
18 nursing.

19 5. Two members who represent private postsecondary institutions
20 that have a nursing program and who are appointed by the Arizona state
21 board of nursing.

22 6. The following members who are appointed by the director of the
23 department of health services:

24 (a) One member who represents a rural health care facility
25 employer.

26 (b) One member who represents an urban health care facility
27 employer with fewer than three hundred beds.

28 (c) One member who represents an urban health care facility
29 employer with at least three hundred beds.

30 7. Two members who represent professional nursing organizations and
31 who are appointed by the Arizona state board of nursing.

32 8. One member who represents a nonprofit organization providing
33 research and education regarding this state's health care workforce and
34 who is appointed by the director of the department of health services.

35 B. The work group shall:

36 1. Review nursing education curriculum and potential changes to
37 curriculum to facilitate and improve the transition from education to
38 practice, including the benefits of nurse residency programs.

39 2. Establish a long-term plan and pilot program to address this
40 state's nursing workforce preparation and shortage.

41 3. Prepare recommendations for changes to curriculum and the
42 feasibility of a nurse residency pilot program.

- 1 4. On or before June 30, 2021, report on its recommendations to the
- 2 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
- 3 Arizona board of regents and the joint legislative budget committee and
- 4 provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state.
- 5 C. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2022.