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HOUSE BILL 2633

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NURSING WORKFORCE PREPARATION AND SHORTAGE WORK GROUP IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(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 consists of
8 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. Three 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 (d) One member who represents an Indian health service unit located
31 in a county with a population of less than three hundred thousand persons.

32 (e) One member who represents a skilled nursing facility.

33 7. Two members who represent professional nursing organizations and
34 who are appointed by the director of the department of health services.

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

38 B. The work group shall:

39 1. Review nursing education curricula and potential changes to
40 curricula to facilitate and improve the transition from education to
41 practice, including the benefits of nurse residency programs.

42 2. Review the causes of enrollment capacity at nursing education
43 programs and recommendations for increasing enrollment capacity.

44 3. Establish a long-term plan to address this state's nursing
45 workforce preparation and shortage.

1 4. Prepare recommendations for changes to curricula and the
2 feasibility of a nurse residency pilot program.

3 5. On or before December 31, 2021, report on its recommendations to
4 the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,
5 the Arizona board of regents and the joint legislative budget committee
6 and provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state.

7 C. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2023.

8 Sec. 2. Emergency

9 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
10 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
11 law.