

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, petition of Ronald Mariano for an investigation by the Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance of the shortages of health care workers. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REVIEW OF STATE WORKFORCE INITIATIVES.

1     *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to protect the rights of patients to  
3 receive adequate behavioral health services, this act is hereby  
4 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public safety and convenience, and is hereby  
6 effective on its enactment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Review of Workforce Initiatives.

2     (a) The Secretary for Administration and Finance is hereby  
3 authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of all  
4 state agencies, or quasi-state agencies, to determine the efficacy of  
5 existing programs related to workforce development and report  
6 back to the legislature by April 1, 2003 with recommendations for  
7 the development of new or redesigned state programs to create a  
8 pathway for an enhanced health care workforce.

9     (b) Said investigation and study shall include, but not be lim-  
10 ited to, identifying ways to increase the number and diversity of  
11 people choosing health care occupations, increase retention rates  
12 among Massachusetts current health care workers, and the feasi-  
13 bility establishing a leadership committee to advise the governor  
14 and help coordinate health care worker shortage solutions in the  
15 state.

The House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Session assembled, at the City of Washington, on the 7th day of January, 1883, reported to the Senate the following

The Constitution of the State of...

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