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S.B. No. 1749

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a health workforce planning partnership.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 113 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 113. TEXAS HEALTH WORKFORCE PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Sec. 113.001. POLICY; PURPOSE. (a) The policy of this state and the purpose of this chapter are to:

(1) ensure that the future health workforce needs are adequate in number to serve the citizens; and

(2) improve access to an appropriate and effective health workforce.

(b) To achieve this purpose it is essential that:

(1) appropriate health workforce planning activities are undertaken and implemented; and

(2) funding opportunities whether federal, state, private, public or a combination thereof are researched, identified, sought, obtained, and maximized.

Sec. 113.002. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "partnership" means the Texas Health Workforce Planning Partnership.

Sec. 113.003. COMPOSITION OF PARTNERSHIP. (a) The partnership is within the Department of State Health Services and shall report to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

(b) The partnership is composed of the administrative head

1 of the following agencies or that person's designee:

2 (1) the Health and Human Services Commission;

3 (2) the Department of State Health Services
4 Commission;

5 (3) the Higher Education Coordinating Board;

6 (4) the Texas Workforce Commission;

7 (5) the Health Professions Council;

8 (6) the Office of Rural Community Health Affairs; and

9 (7) any other state agency identified by the governor
10 that impacts health workforce planning.

11 Sec. 113.004. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Service on the
12 partnership is an additional duty of a member's office or
13 employment. A member of the partnership is not entitled to
14 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses
15 incurred by the member while conducting the business of the
16 partnership, as provided in the General Appropriations Act.

17 Sec. 113.005. SUPPORT STAFF. The partnership's member
18 agencies shall provide the staff for the partnership.

19 Sec. 113.006. MEETINGS. (a) The partnership shall meet at
20 least once each year. The partnership may meet at other times at
21 the call of the presiding officer or as provided by the rules of the
22 partnership.

23 (b) The partnership is a governmental body for the purposes
24 of the open meetings law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.