

1-1 By: Janek S.B. No. 1749
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1749 By: Janek

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to creating a health workforce planning partnership.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Chapter 113 to read as follows:

1-14 CHAPTER 113. TEXAS HEALTH WORKFORCE PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
1-15 Sec. 113.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "partnership"
1-16 means the Texas Health Workforce Planning Partnership.
1-17 Sec. 113.002. DUTIES OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership
1-18 shall:

1-19 (1) work to:
1-20 (A) ensure that future health workforce levels
1-21 are adequate in number to serve the needs of the residents of this
1-22 state; and

1-23 (B) improve patient access to and the
1-24 effectiveness of the health workforce;

1-25 (2) undertake and implement appropriate health
1-26 workforce planning activities; and

1-27 (3) research, identify, seek, obtain, and maximize
1-28 health workforce funding opportunities, including federal, state,
1-29 private, and public sources.

1-30 Sec. 113.003. COMPOSITION OF PARTNERSHIP. (a) The
1-31 partnership is within the Department of State Health Services and
1-32 shall report to the commissioner of state health services or the
1-33 commissioner's designee.

1-34 (b) The partnership is composed of:
1-35 (1) the administrative head of the following agencies
1-36 or that person's designee:

1-37 (A) the Health and Human Services Commission;

1-38 (B) the Department of State Health Services;

1-39 (C) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating

1-40 Board;

1-41 (D) the Texas Workforce Commission;

1-42 (E) the Health Professions Council;

1-43 (F) the Office of Rural Community Affairs; and

1-44 (G) any other state agency identified by the

1-45 governor that impacts health workforce planning; and

1-46 (2) a person appointed by the governor to represent
1-47 area health education centers in this state.

1-48 (c) The governor shall designate a member of the partnership
1-49 to serve as the presiding officer of the partnership.

1-50 Sec. 113.004. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Service on the
1-51 partnership is an additional duty of a member's office or
1-52 employment. A member of the partnership is not entitled to
1-53 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses
1-54 incurred by the member while conducting the business of the
1-55 partnership, as provided in the General Appropriations Act.

1-56 Sec. 113.005. SUPPORT STAFF. The partnership's member
1-57 agencies shall provide the staff for the partnership.

1-58 Sec. 113.006. MEETINGS. (a) The partnership shall meet at
1-59 least once each year. The partnership may meet at other times at
1-60 the call of the presiding officer or as provided by the rules of the
1-61 partnership.

1-62 (b) The partnership is a governmental body for the purposes
1-63 of the open meetings law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

2-1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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