

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1636
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
 1-4 April 3, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 0, 1 present not voting; April 3, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to an annual report prepared by the Health Professions
 1-20 Council.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 101.151, Occupations Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 101.151. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) The council shall
 1-25 prepare an annual report that includes:

1-26 (1) a statistical compilation of enforcement actions
 1-27 taken by a regulatory agency listed in Section 101.002;

1-28 (2) recommendations for statutory changes to improve
 1-29 the regulation of the health care professions; ~~and~~

1-30 (3) strategies to expand the health care workforce in
 1-31 this state, including:

1-32 (A) methods for reducing the time required to
 1-33 process license applications for health care professions;

1-34 (B) methods for increasing the number of health
 1-35 care practitioners providing mental and behavioral health care
 1-36 services; and

1-37 (C) any statutory and legislative appropriation
 1-38 recommendations the council determines are appropriate for
 1-39 expanding the health care workforce in this state, including
 1-40 recommendations for expanding the health care workforce in
 1-41 medically underserved areas; and

1-42 (4) ~~(3)~~ other relevant information and
 1-43 recommendations determined necessary by the council.

1-44 (b) The council shall send the report to the governor, the
 1-45 lieutenant governor, ~~and~~ the speaker of the house of
 1-46 representatives, the chairs of the standing committees of the
 1-47 senate and the house of representatives having primary jurisdiction
 1-48 over public health, and the chairs of the standing committees of the
 1-49 senate and the house of representatives having primary jurisdiction
 1-50 over state finance or appropriations not later than February 1 of
 1-51 each year.

1-52 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 101.151, Occupations
 1-53 Code, as amended by this Act, the Health Professions Council
 1-54 established under Chapter 101, Occupations Code:

1-55 (1) is not required to include in the annual report
 1-56 required under Section 101.151 the strategies described by Section
 1-57 101.151(a)(3), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, until
 1-58 February 1, 2021; and

1-59 (2) shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant
 1-60 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairs
 1-61 of the standing committees of the senate and the house of

2-1 representatives having primary jurisdiction over public health,
2-2 and the chairs of the standing committees of the senate and the
2-3 house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over state
2-4 finance or appropriations a report that includes only the
2-5 strategies described by Section 101.151(a)(3) not later than June
2-6 1, 2020.

2-7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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