

Amendment to SB 439

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a commission to study the shortage of nurses and other skilled
4 health care workers for home health care services.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

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8 1 New Subdivision; Commission to Study the Shortage of Nurses and Other Skilled Health
9 Care Workers for Home Health Care Services. Amend RSA 161-I by inserting after section 7 the
10 following new subdivision:

11 Commission to Study the Shortage of Nurses

12 and Other Skilled Health Care Workers for Home Health Care Services.

13 161-I:8 Commission to Study the Shortage of Nurses and Other Skilled Health Care Workers
14 for Home Health Care Services Established; Membership; Duties.

15 I.(a) There is established a commission to study the shortage of nurses and other skilled
16 health care workers for home health care services. The members of the commission shall be as
17 follows:

18 (1) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

19 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
20 house of representatives.

21 (3) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

22 (4) The director of the division of higher education, department of education, or
23 designee.

24 (5) A representative of the New Hampshire board of nursing, appointed by the
25 board.

26 (6) A pediatrician that provides treatment to medically fragile children, appointed
27 by New Hampshire Pediatric Society.

28 (7) An individual with experience in palliative care, appointed by the Foundation
29 for Healthy Communities.

30 (8) A representative of a New Hampshire health agency, appointed by the governor.

31 (9) A parent of a child with disabilities who utilizes pediatric home health care
32 services, appointed by the governor.

33 (10) A representative of the New Hampshire workforce development entity,

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1 appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services.

2 (11) Two department deans or chairs of nursing programs from New Hampshire
3 universities or colleges, appointed by the chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire.

4 (12) The department dean or chair of the nursing program from New Hampshire
5 Technical Institute.

6 (13) The executive director, or designee, from the New Hampshire Home Care
7 Association.

8 (14) An adult who utilizes home health services and/or private duty nursing,
9 appointed by the governor.

10 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
11 when attending to the duties of the commission.

12 II.(a) The commission's study shall include, but not be limited to:

13 (1) Finding solutions to the shortage of nurses and other skilled health care workers
14 for home health care services, including a comprehensive examination and review of the overall
15 delivery system for home health care services throughout the state of New Hampshire.

16 (2) Developing an effective strategy for workforce development, recruitment, and
17 retention of nurses and other skilled home health care workers.

18 (3) Identifying workforce demands to keep pace with New Hampshire's integrated
19 health care delivery based on population trends and projected utilization of home health services.

20 (4) Training and professional development for specific intensive medical needs,
21 palliative care, coverage in schools, and coverage by not only registered nurses and licensed
22 practical nurses, but also licensed nursing assistants and other skilled health care workers.

23 (b) The commission may solicit information from any person or entity the commission
24 deems relevant to its study.

25 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
26 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
27 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Nine members of the
28 commission shall constitute a quorum.

29 IV. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
30 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
31 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2016.

32 2 Repeal. RSA 161-I:8, relative to the commission to study the shortage of nurses and other
33 skilled health care workers for home health care services, is repealed.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the shortage of nurses and other skilled health care workers for home health care services.