

Floor 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 and post-acute 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 and Post-Acute Care Services. Amend RSA 161-I by
10 inserting after section 7 the following new subdivision:

11 Commission to Study the Shortage of Nurses and
12 Other Skilled Health Care Workers for Home Health Care Services and
13 Post-Acute Care Services

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

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

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

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

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

23 (4) The commissioner of the department of insurance, or designee.

24 (5) The administrator of the bureau of special medical services, department of
25 health and human services, or designee.

26 (6) The director of the division of higher education, department of education, or
27 designee.

28 (7) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurses Association, appointed by the
29 association.

30 (8) A pediatrician that provides treatment to medically fragile children, appointed
31 by New Hampshire Pediatric Society.

32 (9) An individual with experience in palliative care, appointed by the Foundation
33 for Healthy Communities.

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1 (10) A representative of a New Hampshire health agency, appointed by the
2 governor.

3 (11) Two parents of children with disabilities who utilize pediatric home health care
4 services, appointed by the governor.

5 (12) A representative of the New Hampshire workforce development entity,
6 appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services.

7 (13) Two department deans or chairs of nursing programs from New Hampshire
8 universities or colleges, appointed by the chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire.

9 (14) The department dean or chair of the nursing program from New Hampshire
10 Technical Institute.

11 (15) The executive director, or designee, from the New Hampshire Home Care
12 Association.

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

15 (17) A representative of the New Hampshire Health Care Association, appointed by
16 the association.

17 (18) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Counties, appointed by
18 the association.

19 (19) A representative of the Granite State Home Health Association, appointed by
20 the association.

21 (20) A representative of the Community Support Network, Inc., appointed by that
22 organization.

23 (21) A representative of the state advisory committee on the education of
24 students/children with disabilities, department of education, appointed by the committee.

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

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

28 (1) Finding solutions to the shortage of nurses and other skilled health care workers
29 for home health care services and post-acute care services, including a comprehensive examination
30 and review of the overall delivery system for home health care services throughout the state of New
31 Hampshire.

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

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

37 (4) Training and professional development for specific intensive medical needs,

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1 palliative care, coverage in schools, and coverage by not only registered nurses and licensed
2 practical nurses, but also licensed nursing assistants and other skilled health care workers.

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

5 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
6 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
7 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Thirteen members of
8 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

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

12 2 Repeal. RSA 161-I:8, relative to the commission to study the shortage of nurses and other
13 skilled health care workers for home health care services and post-acute 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 and post-acute care services.