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HOUSE BILL           **483**

AN ACT               relative to the commission on primary care workforce issues.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Sherman, Rock 24; Rep. Sad, Ches 1; Rep. McMahon, Rock 7; Rep. MacKay,  
Merr 14; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24

COMMITTEE:       Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill extends the commission on primary care workforce issues. This bill also adds new members to the commission and clarifies its duties.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                          Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

AN ACT                   relative to the commission on primary care workforce issues.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           238:1 Commission on Primary Care Workforce Issues; Membership. Amend RSA 126-T:1 to  
2 read as follows:

3           126-T:1 Commission Established; Membership. There is hereby established a commission on  
4 primary care workforce issues. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

5           I. One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
6 representatives.

7           II. The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

8           III. The commissioner of the department of labor, or designee.

9           IV. ***The insurance commissioner, or designee.***

10          V. The dean, or designee, from a public ***institution with a*** health science school, appointed  
11 by the president of the institution.

12          ~~[V.]~~ VI. The dean, or designee, from a private ***institution with a*** health science school,  
13 appointed by the president of the institution.

14          ~~[VI.]~~ VII. A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

15          ~~[VII.]~~ VIII. A representative of the New Hampshire Dental Society, appointed by the society.

16          ~~[VIII.]~~ IX. A representative of the New Hampshire Mental Health Coalition, appointed by  
17 the coalition.

18          ~~[IX.]~~ X. Three representatives from the state's rural ***and underserved*** health care facilities,  
19 including 2 practitioners and one administrator, appointed by the governor.

20          ~~[X.]~~ XI. A representative of the New Hampshire Citizens Health Initiative, appointed by  
21 such organization.

22          ~~[XI.]~~ XII. A representative of the New Hampshire Area Health Education Center, appointed  
23 by the organization.

24          ~~[XII.]~~ XIII. A representative of the Bi-State Primary Care Association, appointed by the  
25 association.

26          ~~[XIII.]~~ XIV. Three at large members, nominated by the commission and appointed by the  
27 governor.

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1           XV. *A representative of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association,*  
2 *appointed by the association.*

3           XVI. *A representative of the New Hampshire Society of Physician Assistants*  
4 *Association, appointed by the association.*

5           XVII. *A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by*  
6 *the association.*

7           XVIII. *A pharmacist, appointed by the board of pharmacy.*

8           238:2 Commission on Primary Care Workforce Issues; Duties. Amend RSA 126-T:3 to read as  
9 follows:

10           126-T:3 Duties. The commission shall plan and advocate for policy changes related to  
11 maintaining and strengthening an effective primary care workforce in New Hampshire, with special  
12 concern for rural and other underserved areas. The committee's duties shall include, but not be  
13 limited to:

14           I. Reviewing the impact of existing [~~programs in all state agencies~~] *policies* related to  
15 strengthening New Hampshire's primary care workforce and making recommendations relative to  
16 [~~redirecting~~] *appropriate use of* funds [~~to programs which may have more impact on this goal~~] *for*  
17 *training, education, and recruitment.*

18           II. [~~Interacting with~~] *Assessing the degree to which* insurers, *managed care*  
19 *organizations*, and state and federal payment sources [~~on~~] *may present* inequities and problems  
20 regarding payment for primary care services *which may serve as a barrier for attracting and*  
21 *retaining the providers necessary for network adequacy.*

22           III. *Collecting and reviewing data and information that informs decisions and*  
23 *planning for the primary care workforce and looking for innovative ways for expanding*  
24 *New Hampshire's primary care resources including, but not limited to, interstate*  
25 *collaboration.*

26           IV. Assembling and including in its [~~annual report~~] *reports*, required under RSA 126-T:4,  
27 data on the availability, accessibility, and effectiveness of primary care in New Hampshire, with  
28 special attention to such data in rural and underserved areas of the state.

29           238:3 Commission on Primary Care Workforce Issues; Reports. Amend RSA 126-T:4 to read as  
30 follows:

31           126-T:4 Reports. The commission shall make an [~~annual~~] *interim* report [~~beginning~~] on  
32 November 1, [~~2010~~] *2015, and a final report on November 1, 2019*, including its findings and any  
33 recommendations for proposed legislation, to the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
34 president of the senate, and the governor.

35           238:4 Commission on Primary Care Workforce Issues; Extension. Amend 2010, 114:4, I to read  
36 as follows:

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1           I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, [~~2015~~] **2019**.

2           238:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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4   Approved: July 13, 2015

5   Effective Date: July 13, 2015