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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Homan offered the following:

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3 **Substitute Amendment for Amendment (936369) (with title**  
4 **amendment)**

5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 381.4018, Florida Statutes, is created  
8 to read:

9 381.4018 Physician workforce assessment and development.--

10 (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--The Legislature recognizes that  
11 physician workforce planning is an essential component of  
12 ensuring that there is an adequate and appropriate supply of  
13 well-trained physicians to meet this state's future health care  
14 service needs as the general population and elderly population  
15 of the state increase. The Legislature finds that items to  
16 consider relative to assessing the physician workforce may

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17 include physician practice status; specialty mix; geographic  
18 distribution; demographic information, including, but not  
19 limited to, age, gender, race, and cultural considerations; and  
20 needs of current or projected medically underserved areas in the  
21 state. Long-term strategic planning is essential as the period  
22 from the time a medical student enters medical school to  
23 completion of graduate medical education may range from 7 to 10  
24 years or longer. The Legislature recognizes that strategies to  
25 provide for a well-trained supply of physicians must include  
26 ensuring the availability and capacity of quality graduate  
27 medical schools in this state, as well as using new or existing  
28 state and federal programs providing incentives for physicians  
29 to practice in needed specialties and in underserved areas in a  
30 manner that addresses projected needs for physician manpower.

31 (2) PURPOSE.--The Department of Health shall serve as a  
32 coordinating and strategic planning body to actively assess the  
33 state's current and future physician workforce needs and work  
34 with multiple stakeholders to develop strategies and  
35 alternatives to address current and projected physician  
36 workforce needs.

37 (3) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.--The department shall maximize the  
38 use of existing programs under the jurisdiction of the  
39 department and other state agencies and coordinate governmental  
40 and nongovernmental stakeholders and resources in order to  
41 develop a state strategic plan and assess the implementation of  
42 such strategic plan. In developing the state strategic plan, the  
43 department shall:

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44 (a) Monitor, evaluate, and report on the supply and  
45 distribution of physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter  
46 459. The department shall maintain a database to serve as a  
47 statewide source of data concerning the physician workforce.

48 (b) Develop a model and quantify, on an ongoing basis, the  
49 adequacy of the state's current and future physician workforce  
50 as reliable data becomes available. Such model must take into  
51 account demographics, physician practice status, place of  
52 education and training, generational changes, population growth,  
53 economic indicators, and issues concerning the "pipeline" into  
54 medical education.

55 (c) Develop and recommend strategies to determine whether  
56 the number of qualified medical school applicants who might  
57 become competent, practicing physicians in this state will be  
58 sufficient to meet the capacity of the state's medical schools.  
59 If appropriate, the department shall, working with  
60 representatives of appropriate governmental and nongovernmental  
61 entities, develop strategies and recommendations and identify  
62 best-practice programs that introduce health care as a  
63 profession and strengthen skills needed for medical school  
64 admission for elementary, middle, and high school students, and  
65 improve premedical education at the precollege and college level  
66 in order to increase this state's potential pool of medical  
67 students.

68 (d) Develop strategies to ensure that the number of  
69 graduates from the state's public and private allopathic and  
70 osteopathic medical schools are adequate to meet physician  
71 workforce needs, based on the analysis of the physician

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72 workforce data, so as to provide a high-quality medical  
73 education to students in a manner that recognizes the uniqueness  
74 of each new and existing medical school in this state.

75 (e) Pursue strategies and policies to create, expand, and  
76 maintain graduate medical education positions in the state based  
77 on the analysis of the physician workforce data. Such strategies  
78 and policies must take into account the effect of federal  
79 funding limitations on the expansion and creation of positions  
80 in graduate medical education. The department shall develop  
81 options to address such federal funding limitations. The  
82 department shall consider options to provide direct state  
83 funding for graduate medical education positions in a manner  
84 that addresses requirements and needs relative to accreditation  
85 of graduate medical education programs. The department shall  
86 consider funding residency positions as a means of addressing  
87 needed physician specialty areas, rural areas having a shortage  
88 of physicians, and areas of ongoing critical need, and as a  
89 means of addressing the state's physician workforce needs based  
90 on an ongoing analysis of physician workforce data.

91 (f) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state  
92 programs that provide for the use of incentives to attract  
93 physicians to this state or retain physicians within the state.  
94 Such strategies should explore and maximize federal-state  
95 partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice  
96 in federally designated shortage areas. Strategies shall also  
97 consider the use of state programs, such as the Florida Health  
98 Service Corps established pursuant to s. 381.0302 and the  
99 Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program

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100 pursuant to s. 1009.65, which provide for education loan  
101 repayment or loan forgiveness and provide monetary incentives  
102 for physicians to relocate to underserved areas of the state.

103 (g) Coordinate and enhance activities relative to  
104 physician workforce needs, undergraduate medical education, and  
105 graduate medical education provided by the Division of Medical  
106 Quality Assurance, the Community Hospital Education Program and  
107 the Graduate Medical Education Committee established pursuant to  
108 s. 381.0403, area health education center networks established  
109 pursuant to s. 381.0402, and other offices and programs within  
110 the Department of Health as designated by the secretary.

111 (h) Work in conjunction with and act as a coordinating  
112 body for governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to  
113 address matters relating to the state's physician workforce  
114 assessment and development for the purpose of ensuring an  
115 adequate supply of well-trained physicians to meet the state's  
116 future needs. Such governmental stakeholders shall include, but  
117 need not be limited to, the Secretary of Health or his or her  
118 designee, the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee,  
119 the Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or her  
120 designee, and the Chancellor of the State University System or  
121 his or her designee from the Board of Governors of the State  
122 University System, and, at the discretion of the department,  
123 other representatives of state and local agencies that are  
124 involved in assessing, educating, or training the state's  
125 current or future physicians. Other stakeholders shall include,  
126 but need not be limited to, organizations representing the  
127 state's public and private allopathic and osteopathic medical

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128 schools; organizations representing hospitals and other  
129 institutions providing health care, particularly those that have  
130 an interest in providing accredited medical education and  
131 graduate medical education to medical students and medical  
132 residents; organizations representing allopathic and osteopathic  
133 practicing physicians; and, at the discretion of the department,  
134 representatives of other organizations or entities involved in  
135 assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future  
136 physicians.

137 (i) Serve as a liaison with other states and federal  
138 agencies and programs in order to enhance resources available to  
139 the state's physician workforce and medical education continuum.

140 (j) Act as a clearinghouse for collecting and  
141 disseminating information concerning the physician workforce and  
142 medical education continuum in this state.

143 Section 2. (1) Each person who applies for licensure  
144 renewal as a physician under chapter 458 or chapter 459, Florida  
145 Statutes, must, in conjunction with the renewal of such license  
146 under procedures adopted by the Department of Health and in  
147 addition to any other information that may be required from the  
148 applicant, furnish the following to the Department of Health in  
149 a physician survey:

150 (a) Licensee information, including, but not limited to:

151 1. Frequency and geographic location of practice within  
152 the state.

153 2. Practice setting.

154 3. Percentage of time spent in direct-patient care.

155 4. Anticipated change to license or practice status.

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156 5. Areas of specialty or certification.

157 (b) Availability and trends relating to critically needed  
158 services, including, but not limited to:

159 1. Obstetric care and services, including incidents of  
160 deliveries.

161 2. Radiological services, particularly performance of  
162 mammograms and breast-imaging services.

163 3. Physician services for hospital emergency departments  
164 and trauma centers, including on-call hours.

165 4. Other critically-needed specialty areas, as determined  
166 by the department.

167 (2) Such information furnished must include a statement  
168 submitted by the physician that the information provided is true  
169 and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge and the  
170 submission does not contain any knowingly false information.

171 (3) (a) The Department of Health shall issue a  
172 nondisciplinary citation to any physician licensed under chapter  
173 458 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, who fails to complete the  
174 survey within 90 days after the renewal of his or her license to  
175 practice as a physician.

176 (b) The citation must notify a physician who fails to  
177 complete the survey required by this section that his or her  
178 license will not be renewed for any subsequent license renewal  
179 unless the physician completes the survey.

180 (c) In conjunction with issuing the license-renewal notice  
181 required by s. 456.038, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
182 Health shall notify each physician licensed under 458 or chapter  
183 459, Florida Statutes, who has failed to complete the survey at  
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184 the licensee's last known address of record with the Department  
185 of Health of the requirement that the physician survey be  
186 completed prior to the subsequent license renewal. At any  
187 subsequent license renewal, the Department of Health may not  
188 renew the license of any physician licensed under chapter 458 or  
189 chapter 459, Florida Statutes, until the survey required under  
190 this section is completed by the licensee.

191 Section 3. (1) Each year, the department shall analyze  
192 the results of the physician survey required by section 2 of  
193 this act and determine by geographic area and specialty the  
194 number of physicians who:

195 (a) Perform deliveries of children in Florida.

196 (b) Read mammograms and perform breast-imaging-guided  
197 procedures in Florida.

198 (c) Perform emergency care on a on-call basis for a  
199 hospital emergency department.

200 (d) Plan to reduce or increase emergency on-call hours in  
201 a hospital emergency department.

202 (e) Plan to relocate their allopathic or osteopathic  
203 practice outside the state.

204 (2) The department must report its findings to the  
205 Governor, the President of Senate, and the Speaker of the House  
206 of Representatives by November 1 each year.

207 Section 4. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
208 department implement the provisions of this act within existing  
209 resources.

210 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.  
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Remove the entire title and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the physician workforce; creating s.  
381.4018, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring that the  
department serve as a coordinating and planning body to assess  
the state's future workforce needs for physicians; requiring the  
department to develop strategies for addressing the current and  
projected workforce needs; specifying additional functions of  
the department; requiring each allopathic and osteopathic  
physician in the state to complete a survey concerning the  
physician's practice as a condition of license renewal;  
specifying the information to be furnished to the department in  
the physician survey; providing for a nondisciplinary citation  
to be issued to a physician or osteopathic physician who fails  
to complete the required survey; requiring the department to  
provide notice of the applicable penalty; requiring the  
department to annually analyze and evaluate the results of the  
survey; requiring the department to report its findings to the  
Governor and the Legislature; providing legislative intent  
concerning resources for implementation of the act; providing an  
effective date.