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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Harrell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 176 - 222

and insert:

in federally designated shortage areas, in otherwise medically underserved areas, or in rural areas. Strategies shall also consider the use of state programs, such as the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program pursuant to s. 1009.65, which provide for education loan repayment or loan forgiveness and provide monetary incentives for physicians to



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11 relocate to underserved areas of the state.

12 (g) Coordinate and enhance activities relative to physician
13 workforce needs, undergraduate medical education, graduate
14 medical education, and reentry of retired military and other
15 physicians into the physician workforce provided by the Division
16 of Medical Quality Assurance, area health education center
17 networks established pursuant to s. 381.0402, and other offices
18 and programs within the department as designated by the State
19 Surgeon General.

20 (h) Work in conjunction with and act as a coordinating body
21 for governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to address
22 matters relating to the state's physician workforce assessment
23 and development for the purpose of ensuring an adequate supply
24 of well-trained physicians to meet the state's future needs.
25 Such governmental stakeholders shall include, but need not be
26 limited to, the State Surgeon General or his or her designee,
27 the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, the
28 Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or her designee,
29 and the Chancellor of the State University System or his or her
30 designee, and, at the discretion of the department, other
31 representatives of state and local agencies that are involved in
32 assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future
33 physicians. Other stakeholders shall include, but need not be
34 limited to, organizations representing the state's public and
35 private allopathic and osteopathic medical schools;
36 organizations representing hospitals and other institutions
37 providing health care, particularly those that currently provide
38 or have an interest in providing accredited medical education
39 and graduate medical education to medical students and medical



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40 residents; organizations representing allopathic and osteopathic
41 practicing physicians; and, at the discretion of the department,
42 representatives of other organizations or entities involved in
43 assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future
44 physicians.

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

48 (j) Act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating
49 information concerning the physician workforce and medical
50 education continuum in this state.

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52 The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection,
53 including rules to establish guidelines to implement the federal
54 Conrad 30 Waiver Program created under s. 214(1) of the
55 Immigration and Nationality Act.

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57 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 Delete lines 3 - 4

60 and insert:

61 s. 381.4018, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health
62 to develop strategies to maximize federal-state
63 partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to
64 practice in medically underserved or rural areas;
65 authorizing the department to adopt certain rules;
66 amending s. 456.013,