



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 536

LCO No. 2071

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

An Act Concerning A Study Of Nursing Shortages.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 The Commissioner of Public Health shall conduct a study
2 concerning the shortage of nurses in this state. Such study shall
3 include, but not be limited to: (1) An examination of the causes
4 underlying the current shortage of nurses in this state and
5 recommendations for the alleviation of such shortage; (2)
6 recommendations for implementing methods of collecting uniform
7 data concerning nurse-to-patient ratios in hospitals, nursing homes
8 and home health agencies, including the feasibility of obtaining such
9 data from other state or federal agencies; and (3) recommendations for
10 supplementing nursing care in this state in response to such shortage,
11 including recommendations concerning the feasibility of developing
12 criteria for the certification, training and supervision of medication
13 technicians in long-term care facilities. Not later than December 31,
14 2000, the commissioner shall submit a report of the commissioner's
15 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
17 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the

18 general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Public Health to conduct a study concerning the shortage of nurses in this state and to formulate recommendations for alleviating such shortage, for collecting data concerning nurse-to-patient ratios, and concerning the feasibility of developing criteria for the certification, training and supervision of medication technicians.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]