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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE
THE STATE'S HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Public
2 Health, in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education, the
3 Labor Department, the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, The
4 University of Connecticut, The University of Connecticut School of
5 Medicine, The University of Connecticut School of Dentistry, the
6 Connecticut State University System and the regional community-
7 technical college system, shall develop an initiative to address the
8 state's health care workforce shortage. Such initiative shall seek to
9 increase the number of health care workers in the state through the
10 offering of expanded and enhanced educational programs at public
11 institutions of higher education. The initiative shall include, but not be
12 limited to, the following: (1) Expansion of existing health care related
13 academic programs to promote increased enrollment and retention of
14 students in such programs; (2) development of alternative academic
15 programs that are designed to assimilate displaced workers and other
16 individuals considering a career change into the health care workforce;
17 (3) recruitment and retention of underserved populations into the

18 health care workforce; (4) the establishment of collaborative
19 relationships between health care professions that will assist in
20 improving access to health care; (5) development of distance learning
21 initiatives; and (6) development of on-the-job training initiatives that
22 are designed to provide valuable work experience to those receiving
23 the training and assist in alleviating health care workforce shortages,
24 particularly in areas of the state with underserved populations.

25 (b) Not later than January 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Public
26 Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
27 of the general statutes, on the initiative to the joint standing
28 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
29 relating to higher education and employment advancement, public
30 health and labor and public employees.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*