

1 SENATE BILL 256

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING REPORTS CREATED BY THE  
12 HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE WORK GROUP TO ONLY INCLUDE COMPLETE DATA  
13 SETS FOR EACH HEALTH CARE PROFESSION.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 24-14C-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2011,  
17 Chapter 152, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "24-14C-6. HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE WORK GROUP--WORK FORCE  
19 DATA ANALYSIS--RECRUITMENT PLANNING--STRATEGIC PLAN FOR  
20 IMPROVING HEALTH CARE ACCESS--WORK FORCE SURVEY.--The  
21 chancellor for health sciences of the university of New Mexico  
22 shall convene a health care work force work group that includes  
23 representatives of health care consumers; health care  
24 providers; organized groups representing physicians, physician  
25 assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, dental

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1 hygienists and pharmacists; health care work force training  
2 institutions; the department of health; the public education  
3 department; the higher education department; and the boards.

4 The work group shall:

5           A. analyze and make recommendations to the  
6 legislature regarding incentives to attract qualified  
7 individuals, including those from minority groups  
8 underrepresented among health care professions, to pursue  
9 health care education and practice in New Mexico;

10           B. develop a short-term plan and a five-year plan  
11 to improve health care access, with a draft report on the plans  
12 to be submitted to the interim legislative health and human  
13 services committee by November 1, 2011. Beginning October 1,  
14 2012, the work group shall make detailed annual reports to the  
15 legislative health and human services committee by October 1 of  
16 each year. If for any given year there is incomplete data for  
17 a particular health care profession, the reports shall only  
18 include data from the most recent complete data set for that  
19 profession;

20           C. analyze the collected data and make  
21 recommendations to the legislature for building healthier  
22 communities and improving health outcomes; and

23           D. devise an electronic survey, designed to be  
24 completed by applicants within fifteen minutes, for boards to  
25 provide to applicants for licensure or renewal of licensure,

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1 which includes questions regarding the information required  
2 pursuant to Subsection C of Section 24-14C-5 NMSA 1978 and any  
3 other survey questions that the chancellor and the work group  
4 deem appropriate."

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