

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 911 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **STUDY AND REPORT ON HOME CARE NURSING WORKFORCE**
1.4 **SHORTAGE.**

1.5 (a) The commissioner of health shall establish a task force to study and report on the
1.6 shortage of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses available to provide
1.7 low-complexity regular home care services to clients in need of such services, especially
1.8 clients covered by medical assistance, and to provide recommendations for ways to address
1.9 the workforce shortage. The task force shall consist of eight members appointed as follows:

1.10 (1) one representative appointed by the Professional Home Care Coalition;

1.11 (2) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Home Care Association;

1.12 (3) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Board of Nursing;

1.13 (4) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Nurses Association;

1.14 (5) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Licensed Practical Nurses Association;

1.15 (6) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Society of Medical Assistants;

1.16 (7) one client who receives regular home care nursing services and is covered by medical
1.17 assistance appointed by the commissioner of human services after consulting with the
1.18 appointing authorities identified in clauses (1) to (6); and

1.19 (8) one county public health nurse who is a certified assessor appointed by the
1.20 commissioner of health after consulting with the Minnesota Home Care Association.

1.21 (b) The appointing authorities must appoint members by August 1, 2017.

1.22 (c) The commissioner of human services shall convene the first meeting of the task force
1.23 no later than August 15, 2017, and shall provide staff support and meeting space for the
1.24 task force. The Department of Health and the Department of Human Services shall provide
1.25 technical assistance to the task force including providing data documenting the current and
1.26 projected workforce shortages in the area of regular home care nursing. The home care and
1.27 assisted living program advisory council established under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.28 144A.4799, shall provide advice and recommendations to the task force. Task force members
1.29 shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for expenses.

1.30 (d) The task force shall:

2.1 (1) quantify the number of low-complexity regular home care nursing hours that are
2.2 authorized but not provided to clients covered by medical assistance, due to the shortage
2.3 of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses available to provide these home care
2.4 services;

2.5 (2) quantify the current and projected workforce shortages of registered nurses and
2.6 licensed practical nurses available to provide low-complexity regular home care nursing
2.7 services to clients, especially clients covered by medical assistance;

2.8 (3) develop recommendations for actions to take in the next two years to address the
2.9 regular home care nursing workforce shortage, including identifying other health care
2.10 professionals who may be able to provide low-complexity regular home care nursing services
2.11 with additional training; what additional training may be necessary for these health care
2.12 professionals; and how to address scope of practice and licensing issues;

2.13 (4) compile reimbursement rates for regular home care nursing from other states and
2.14 determine Minnesota's national ranking with respect to reimbursement for regular home
2.15 care nursing;

2.16 (5) determine whether reimbursement rates for regular home care nursing fully reimburse
2.17 providers for the cost of providing the service and whether the discrepancy, if any, between
2.18 rates and costs contributes to lack of access to regular home care nursing; and

2.19 (6) by January 15, 2018, report on the findings and recommendations of the task force
2.20 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
2.21 over health and human services policy and finance. The task force's report shall include
2.22 draft legislation.

2.23 (e) The task force shall elect a chair from among its members at its first meeting.

2.24 (f) The meetings of the task force shall be open to the public.

2.25 (g) This section expires January 16, 2018, or the day after submitting the report required
2.26 by this section, whichever is earlier.

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

2.28 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.29 Amend the title accordingly