

SENATE BILL 139 (Chapter 522, Statutes of 2007)

SEC. 15. Article 5 (commencing with Section 128050) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Article 5. Health Care Workforce Clearinghouse

128050. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall establish a health care workforce clearinghouse to serve as the central source of health care workforce and educational data in the state. The clearinghouse shall be responsible for the collection, analysis, and distribution of information on the educational and employment trends for health care occupations in the state. The activities of the clearinghouse shall be funded by appropriations made from the California Health Data and Planning Fund in accordance with subdivision (h) of Section 127280.

128051. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall work with the Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information Division, state licensing boards, and state higher education entities to collect, to the extent available, all of the following data:

- (a) The current supply of health care workers, by specialty.
- (b) The geographical distribution of health care workers, by specialty.
- (c) The diversity of the health care workforce, by specialty, including, but not necessarily limited to, data on race, ethnicity, and languages spoken.
- (d) The current and forecasted demand for health care workers, by specialty.
- (e) The educational capacity to produce trained, certified, and licensed health care workers, by specialty and by geographical distribution, including, but not necessarily limited to, the number of educational slots, the number of enrollments, the attrition rate, and wait time to enter the program of study.

128052. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall prepare an annual report to the Legislature that does all of the following:

- (a) Identifies education and employment trends in the health care profession.
- (b) Reports on the current supply and demand for health care workers in California and gaps in the educational pipeline producing workers in specific occupations and geographic areas.
- (c) Recommends state policy needed to address issues of workforce shortage and distribution.