



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4058

Introduced 4/6/2021, by Rep. Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Health Workforce Development Authority Act. Creates the Illinois Health Workforce Development Authority to facilitate the development of a statewide health professions pipeline that identifies, educates, recruits, and retains a diverse, appropriately geographically distributed and culturally competent quality workforce. Provides for the appointment of an executive director, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Provides for the powers and responsibilities of the Authority, including monitoring, collecting, and tracking data pertaining to health care delivery, training, and education from Illinois educational institutions and other entities as needed, together with assessing policies, engaging in policy development, and making policy recommendations. Provides the Authority with rulemaking authority. Exempts the Authority from the provisions of the Personnel Code and the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires the Authority to make an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Health Workforce Development Authority Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "Authority" means the
7 Illinois Health Workforce Development Authority.

8 Section 10. Illinois Health Workforce Development
9 Authority; mission; responsibilities.

10 (a) There is hereby created a State agency known as the
11 Illinois Health Workforce Development Authority. The Authority
12 shall be led by an executive director appointed by the
13 Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term
14 of four years. The compensation of the executive director
15 shall be set by the Governor at the time of his or her
16 appointment.

17 (b) The mission of the Authority is to facilitate the
18 development of a statewide health professions pipeline that
19 identifies, educates, recruits, and retains a diverse,
20 appropriately geographically distributed and culturally
21 competent quality workforce. To accomplish this mission, the
22 responsibilities of the Authority include, but are not limited

1 to:

2 (1) providing the statewide infrastructure required
3 for health workforce needs assessment and planning that
4 maintains engagement by health professions training
5 programs in decision making and program implementation;

6 (2) coordinating with and serving as a resource to
7 relevant State, regional, and local entities including,
8 but not limited to, the Health Facilities and Services
9 Review Board, the Illinois Medical District Commission,
10 the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission, the
11 Mid-America Medical District Commission, and the Roseland
12 Community Medical District Commission;

13 (3) informing State and local policy development
14 regarding health care delivery, training, and education;

15 (4) identifying and promoting evidence-based
16 strategies for health workforce pipeline development and
17 interdisciplinary health care service models, particularly
18 those affecting rural and other underserved areas;

19 (5) supporting communities in their health workforce
20 recruitment and retention efforts, developing
21 partnerships, and promoting models of participatory
22 engagement with business, community-based, and social
23 organizations to foster integration of health care
24 training and education;

25 (6) advocating for programs that will result in
26 reducing the debt load of newly-trained health

1 professionals;

2 (7) identifying high priority target areas within each
3 region of the State and working toward health workforce
4 development initiatives that improve health measurably in
5 those areas; and

6 (8) fostering or creating innovative health workforce
7 development models that provide both health and economic
8 benefits to the regions they serve.

9 Section 15. Authorizations; authority; exemptions.

10 (a) The Authority is authorized to serve as the
11 incorporated consortium of allopathic and osteopathic medical
12 schools in Illinois, as required by federal statute to qualify
13 for the receipt of Area Health Education Centers programs,
14 legislatively mandated under the federal Public Health Service
15 Act, as amended (Title VII, Section 751, and 42 U.S.C. 294a),
16 and to administer federal, State, and local programs as needed
17 to carry out its public purpose and objectives. The Authority
18 is further authorized to exercise independently the powers
19 conferred by this Section in furtherance of its mission and
20 purposes to benefit all who might be served by the Authority.

21 (b) The Authority is authorized to monitor, collect, and
22 track data pertaining to health care delivery, training, and
23 education from Illinois educational institutions and other
24 entities as needed to carry out its public purpose and
25 objectives in areas where such data efforts do not already

1 exist.

2 (c) The Authority shall assess policies, engage in policy
3 development, and make policy recommendations.

4 (d) The Authority has the authority to:

5 (1) apply for and accept federal, State, and local
6 public and private grants, loans, appropriations, and
7 donations;

8 (2) hire and compensate such staff as the Executive
9 Director may determine;

10 (3) rent, lease, buy, own, acquire, and dispose of
11 property, real or personal;

12 (4) participate in joint ventures, including entering
13 into contracts, intergovernmental agreements, and other
14 agreements with public and private entities in order to
15 carry out its mission and purposes; and

16 (5) adopt rules under the Illinois Administrative
17 Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Act.

18 (e) The Authority shall be exempt from the provisions of
19 the Personnel Code and the Illinois Procurement Code.

20 Section 20. Annual report. The Authority shall report
21 annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on its
22 activities, including its progress towards achieving its
23 mission and carrying out its purposes, together with
24 recommendations for legislative or regulatory changes needed
25 to better carry out its mission and purposes.