

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1852**

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2003 Regular Session

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1852** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Conway, Cox, Cody, Kenney, Pflug, Clements, O'Brien, Chase, Morrell, Voloria and Skinner)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to facilitating collaboration among health care  
2 work force stakeholders to address the health care personnel shortage;  
3 amending RCW 28B.115.070 and 28B.115.090; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 28C.18 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW  
5 28B.125.005, 28B.125.010, 28B.125.020, and 28B.125.030.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares:

8            (1) There is a severe shortage of health care personnel in  
9 Washington state;

10            (2) The shortage contributes to increased costs in health care and  
11 threatens the ability of the health care system to provide adequate and  
12 accessible services;

13            (3) The current shortage of health care personnel is structural  
14 rather than the cyclical shortages of the past, and this is due to  
15 demographic changes that will increase demand for health care services;

16            (4) An increasing proportion of the population will reach

1 retirement age, and an increasing proportion of health care personnel  
2 will also reach retirement age; and

3 (5) There should be continuing collaboration among health care work  
4 force stakeholders to address the shortage of health care personnel.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.18 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The board shall:

8 (1) Facilitate ongoing collaboration among stakeholders in order to  
9 address the health care personnel shortage;

10 (2) In collaboration with stakeholders, establish and maintain a  
11 state strategic plan for ensuring an adequate supply of health care  
12 personnel that safeguards the ability of the health care delivery  
13 system in Washington state to provide quality, accessible health care  
14 to residents of Washington; and

15 (3) Report to the governor and legislature by December 31, 2003,  
16 and annually thereafter, on progress on the state plan and make  
17 additional recommendations as necessary.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.115.070 and 1991 c 332 s 20 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 After June 1, 1992, the department, in consultation with the board  
21 and the department of social and health services, shall:

22 (1) Determine eligible credentialed health care professions for the  
23 purposes of the loan repayment and scholarship program authorized by  
24 this chapter. Eligibility shall be based upon an assessment that  
25 determines that there is a shortage or insufficient availability of a  
26 credentialed profession so as to jeopardize patient care and pose a  
27 threat to the public health and safety. The department shall consider  
28 the relative degree of shortages among professions when determining  
29 eligibility. ~~((This determination shall be based upon health  
30 professional shortage needs identified in the health personnel resource  
31 plan authorized by RCW 28B.125.010.))~~ The department may add or remove  
32 professions from eligibility based upon the determination that a  
33 profession is no longer in shortage ~~((as determined by the health  
34 personnel resource plan))~~. Should a profession no longer be eligible,  
35 participants or eligible students who have received scholarships shall

1 be eligible to continue to receive scholarships or loan repayments  
2 until they are no longer eligible or until their service obligation has  
3 been completed;

4 (2) Determine health professional shortage areas for each of the  
5 eligible credentialed health care professions.

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.115.090 and 1991 c 332 s 22 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The board may grant loan repayment and scholarship awards to  
9 eligible participants from the funds appropriated for this purpose, or  
10 from any private or public funds given to the board for this purpose.  
11 Participants are ineligible to receive loan repayment if they have  
12 received a scholarship from programs authorized under this chapter or  
13 chapter (~~((28B.104 or))~~) 70.180 RCW or are ineligible to receive a  
14 scholarship if they have received loan repayment authorized under this  
15 chapter or chapter (~~((18.150))~~) 28B.115 RCW.

16 (2) Funds appropriated for the program, including reasonable  
17 administrative costs, may be used by the board for the purposes of loan  
18 repayments or scholarships. The board shall annually establish the  
19 total amount of funding to be awarded for loan repayments and  
20 scholarships and such allocations shall be established based upon the  
21 best utilization of funding for that year (~~((and based upon the health  
22 personnel resource plan authorized in RCW 28B.125.010))~~).

23 (3) One portion of the funding appropriated for the program shall  
24 be used by the board as a recruitment incentive for communities  
25 participating in the community-based recruitment and retention program  
26 as authorized by chapter 70.185 RCW; one portion of the funding shall  
27 be used by the board as a recruitment incentive for recruitment  
28 activities in state-operated institutions, county public health  
29 departments and districts, county human service agencies, federal and  
30 state contracted community health clinics, and other health care  
31 facilities, such as rural hospitals that have been identified by the  
32 department, as providing substantial amounts of charity care or  
33 publicly subsidized health care; one portion of the funding shall be  
34 used by the board for all other awards. The board shall determine the  
35 amount of total funding to be distributed between the three portions.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   The following acts or parts of acts are each  
2 repealed:

3            (1) RCW 28B.125.005 (Intent) and 1991 c 332 s 4;

4            (2) RCW 28B.125.010 (Statewide health personnel resource plan--  
5 Committee) and 1998 c 245 s 15, 1993 c 492 s 270, & 1991 c 332 s 5;

6            (3) RCW 28B.125.020 (Institutional plans--Implementation) and 1991  
7 sp.s. c 27 s 1; and

8            (4) RCW 28B.125.030 (New training programs) and 1993 c 323 s 5.

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