

HB 1071 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires the secretary of health to establish a work group to review the complaint processing and sanction determination phases of the health professions disciplinary process. At the secretary of health's discretion, the work group may include representatives of different health profession boards and commissions, professional associations, and other interested parties. The work group shall submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2005, with recommendations for creating: (1) Greater efficiencies between the health professions boards and commissions and the secretary of health in processing complaints against license holders; and

(2) More consistent sanction determinations that balance the protection of the public's health and the rights of health care providers among the different health professions, including recommendations for specific ranges of sanctions for each act of unprofessional conduct and the effect of any aggravating and mitigating factors that may apply to each.

Requires the disciplining authority to revoke the license of a license holder who is found to have committed three acts of unprofessional conduct from the designated list in any combination within a ten-year period.

Declares that nothing in this act limits the authority of the disciplining authority to revoke a license or take other disciplinary action when the license holder has committed only one or two acts of unprofessional conduct instead of three.