

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 32.1-122.20 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 32.1-122.22 of the*
3 *Code of Virginia, relating to annual reporting on health workforce activities.*

4 [H 1847]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 32.1-122.20 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 32.1-122.20. Recruitment and retention of health care providers.

9 The Commissioner shall direct the Commonwealth's activities and programs for recruiting and
10 retaining health care providers for underserved populations, underserved areas, and health professional
11 shortage areas (HPSAs) designated throughout the Commonwealth. The duties and responsibilities of the
12 Commissioner shall include, but not be limited to:

13 1. Designating and updating as necessary the designation of underserved areas that meet the criteria
14 established by the Board pursuant to § 32.1-122.5;

15 2. Designating and updating as necessary those areas of the state which meet the criteria of dental,
16 primary care and mental health professional shortage areas as provided in 42 C.F.R. Part 5;

17 3. Administering the scholarship and loan repayment programs pursuant to Article 6 (§ 32.1-122.5 et
18 seq.) of this chapter as well as any other programs or activities authorized in the appropriation act for
19 recruiting and retaining providers for the Commonwealth's underserved populations, underserved areas
20 and HPSAs;

21 4. Recruiting health care providers, residents, and students in Virginia and other states to care for
22 Virginia's underserved populations and practice in underserved areas and HPSAs throughout the
23 Commonwealth;

24 5. Publicizing the functions, programs, and activities of the Department available to assist providers
25 in establishing a practice in underserved areas and HPSAs throughout the Commonwealth;

26 6. Coordinating the Department's health workforce activities with other state agencies as well as
27 public and private entities in Virginia involved in health workforce training, recruitment, and retention;
28 and

29 7. Identifying and recommending to the Governor and the General Assembly new programs,
30 activities, and strategies for increasing the number of providers practicing in Virginia's underserved areas
31 and HPSAs and serving Virginia's underserved populations; and

32 8. Submitting annual reports, as required in ~~§ 32.1-122.22~~, on the activities, accomplishments, and
33 future plans of the Department in recruiting and retaining providers for underserved populations,
34 underserved areas and HPSAs throughout the Commonwealth.

35 **2. That § 32.1-122.22 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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