

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Section 105.003, Health and Safety Code, requires the collection of non-specific information on health professionals and for nurses in Texas in particular. Under current law, there is a lack of comprehensive information regarding health professionals in Texas.

As proposed, S.B. 29 directs state boards, agencies, or associations that certify, register, or license health professionals to obtain additional information regarding each health professional on behalf of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (council). This information would allow the council to develop a clearer understanding of the current healthcare workforce and the potential needs thereof.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 105.003, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f), as follows:

(c) Requires that certain data be collected by the statewide health coordinating council (council) for each health professional, rather than health professionals. Provides specific criteria that is required to be included in the data collected. Deletes existing text requiring that the criteria include trends or changes in license holders according to number or geographic distribution, specialty area, and licensure or certification status.

(f) Requires a state board, agency, or association that certifies, registers, or licenses a health professional in this state to collect on behalf of the council the information required by the minimum data set established under Subsection (c). Authorizes the council and a state board, agency, or association to enter into an interagency contract regarding the data collection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.