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A bill to be entitled An act relating to the practice of dentistry; requiring persons who apply for licensure renewal as a dentist or dental hygienist to furnish certain information to the Department of Health in a dental workforce survey; requiring the Board of Dentistry to issue a nondisciplinary citation and a notice for failure to complete the survey within a specified time; providing notification requirements for the citation; requiring the department to serve as the coordinating body for the purpose of collecting, disseminating, and updating dental workforce data; requiring the department to maintain a database regarding the state's dental workforce; requiring the department to develop strategies to maximize federal and state programs and to work with an advisory body to address matters relating to the state's dental workforce; providing membership of the advisory body; providing for members of the advisory body to serve without compensation; requiring the department to act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information regarding the dental workforce; requiring the department and the board to adopt rules; providing legislative intent regarding implementation of the act within existing resources; amending s. 499.01, F.S.; authorizing certain business entities to pay for prescription drugs obtained by practitioners licensed under ch. 466, F.S.; amending s. 624.91, F.S.;

revising the membership of the board of directors of

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the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation to include a member nominated by the Florida Dental Association and appointed by the Governor; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

## Section 1. Dental workforce survey.-

- (1) Beginning in 2012, each person who applies for licensure renewal as a dentist or dental hygienist under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, must, in conjunction with the renewal of such license under procedures and forms adopted by the Board of Dentistry and in addition to any other information that may be required from the applicant, furnish the following information to the Department of Health, working in conjunction with the board, in a dental workforce survey:
  - (a) Licensee information, including, but not limited to:
- 1. The name of the dental school or dental hygiene program that the dentist or dental hygienist graduated from and the year of graduation.
- 2. The year that the dentist or dental hygienist began practicing or working in this state.
- 3. The geographic location of the dentist's or dental hygienist's practice or address within the state.
  - 4. For a dentist in private practice:
- a. The number of full-time dental hygienists employed by the dentist during the reporting period.
- b. The number of full-time dental assistants employed by the dentist during the reporting period.

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- c. The average number of patients treated per week by the dentist during the reporting period.
  - d. The settings where the dental care was delivered.
- 5. Anticipated plans of the dentist to change the status of his or her license or practice.
  - 6. The dentist's areas of specialty or certification.
- 7. The year that the dentist completed a specialty program recognized by the American Dental Association.
  - 8. For a hygienist:
- a. The average number of patients treated per week by the hygienist during the reporting period.
  - b. The settings where the dental care was delivered.
  - 9. The dentist's memberships in professional organizations.
- 10. The number of pro bono hours provided by the dentist or dental hygienist during the last biennium.
- (b) Information concerning the availability and trends relating to critically needed services, including, but not limited to, the following types of care provided by the dentist or dental hygienist:
  - 1. Dental care to children having special needs.
  - 2. Geriatric dental care.
  - 3. Dental services in emergency departments.
  - 4. Medicaid services.
- 5. Other critically needed specialty areas, as determined by the advisory body.
- (2) In addition to the completed survey, the dentist or dental hygienist must submit a statement that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

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- (3) Beginning in 2012, renewal of a license by a dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, is not contingent upon the completion and submission of the dental workforce survey; however, for any subsequent license renewal, the board may not renew the license of any dentist or dental hygienist until the survey required under this section is completed and submitted by the licensee.
- (4) (a) Beginning in 2012, the Board of Dentistry shall issue a nondisciplinary citation to any dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, who fails to complete the survey within 90 days after the renewal of his or her license to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist.
- (b) The citation must notify a dentist or dental hygienist who fails to complete the survey required by this section that his or her license will not be renewed for any subsequent license renewal unless the dentist or dental hygienist completes the survey.
- (c) In conjunction with issuing the license renewal notice required by s. 456.038, Florida Statutes, the board shall notify each dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, who fails to complete the survey that the survey must be completed before the subsequent license renewal.

Section 2. (1) The Department of Health shall serve as the coordinating body for the purpose of collecting and regularly updating and disseminating dental workforce data. The department shall work with multiple stakeholders, including the Florida Dental Association and the Florida Dental Hygiene Association, to assess and share with all communities of interest all data collected in a timely fashion.

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- (2) The Department of Health shall maintain a current database to serve as a statewide source of data concerning the dental workforce. The department, in conjunction with the board, shall also:
- (a) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state programs that provide incentives for dentists to practice in shortage areas that are federally designated. Strategies shall include programs such as the Florida Health Services Corps established under s. 381.0302, Florida Statutes.
- matters relating to the state's dental workforce. The advisory body shall provide input on developing questions for the dentist workforce survey. An advisory body shall include, but need not be limited to, the State Surgeon General or his or her designee, the dean of each dental school accredited in the United States and based in this state or his or her designee, a representative from the Florida Dental Association, a representative from the Florida Board of Dentistry, and a dentist from each of the dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. Members of the advisory body shall serve without compensation.
- (c) Act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information concerning the dental workforce.
- (3) The Department of Health and the Board of Dentistry shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
- Section 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Health and the Board of Dentistry implement the provisions of this act within existing resources.

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Section 4. Paragraph (t) of subsection (2) of section 499.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

499.01 Permits.-

- (2) The following permits are established:
- (t) Health care clinic establishment permit.—Effective January 1, 2009, a health care clinic establishment permit is required for the purchase of a prescription drug by a place of business at one general physical location that provides health care or veterinary services, which is owned and operated by a business entity that has been issued a federal employer tax identification number. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "qualifying practitioner" means a licensed health care practitioner defined in s. 456.001, or a veterinarian licensed under chapter 474, who is authorized under the appropriate practice act to prescribe and administer a prescription drug.
- 1. An establishment must provide, as part of the application required under s. 499.012, designation of a qualifying practitioner who will be responsible for complying with all legal and regulatory requirements related to the purchase, recordkeeping, storage, and handling of the prescription drugs. In addition, the designated qualifying practitioner shall be the practitioner whose name, establishment address, and license number is used on all distribution documents for prescription drugs purchased or returned by the health care clinic establishment. Upon initial appointment of a qualifying practitioner, the qualifying practitioner and the health care clinic establishment shall notify the department on a form furnished by the department within 10 days after such employment. In addition, the qualifying practitioner and health

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care clinic establishment shall notify the department within 10 days after any subsequent change.

- 2. The health care clinic establishment must employ a qualifying practitioner at each establishment.
- 3. In addition to the remedies and penalties provided in this part, a violation of this chapter by the health care clinic establishment or qualifying practitioner constitutes grounds for discipline of the qualifying practitioner by the appropriate regulatory board.
- 4. The purchase of prescription drugs by the health care clinic establishment is prohibited during any period of time when the establishment does not comply with this paragraph.
- 5. A health care clinic establishment permit is not a pharmacy permit or otherwise subject to chapter 465. A health care clinic establishment that meets the criteria of a modified Class II institutional pharmacy under s. 465.019 is not eligible to be permitted under this paragraph.
- 6. This paragraph does not apply to the purchase of a prescription drug by a licensed practitioner under his or her license. A professional corporation or limited liability company composed of dentists and operating as authorized in s. 466.0285 may pay for prescription drugs obtained by a practitioner licensed under chapter 466, and the licensed practitioner is deemed the purchaser and owner of the prescription drugs.

Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 624.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.91 The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act.—

- (6) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.-
- (a) The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall operate

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subject to the supervision and approval of a board of directors chaired by the Chief Financial Officer or her or his designee, and composed of  $\underline{12}$   $\underline{11}$  other members selected for 3-year terms of office as follows:

- 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or her designee.
- 2. One member appointed by the Commissioner of Education from the Office of School Health Programs of the Florida Department of Education.
- 3. One member appointed by the Chief Financial Officer from among three members nominated by the Florida Pediatric Society.
- 4. One member, appointed by the Governor, who represents the Children's Medical Services Program.
- 5. One member appointed by the Chief Financial Officer from among three members nominated by the Florida Hospital Association.
- 6. One member, appointed by the Governor, who is an expert on child health policy.
- 7. One member, appointed by the Chief Financial Officer, from among three members nominated by the Florida Academy of Family Physicians.
- 8. One member, appointed by the Governor, who represents the state Medicaid program.
- 9. One member, appointed by the Chief Financial Officer, from among three members nominated by the Florida Association of Counties.
  - 10. The State Health Officer or her or his designee.
- 11. The Secretary of Children and Family Services, or his or her designee.

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233	12. One member, appointed by the Governor, from among three
234	members nominated by the Florida Dental Association.
235	Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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