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2011 SENATE BILL 450

February 9, 2012 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Small Business, and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 447.05 and 455.06; and *to create* 440.033, 447.05 (2),
2 448.07 (1m), 448.55 (4), 450.08 (3), 455.06 (2) and 457.20 (5) of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** collecting workforce survey information from health care
4 providers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Health Care Access.

Current law requires the board of nursing to require each applicant for renewal of a credential to complete a workforce survey developed by the department of workforce development. The board may not renew a credential unless the renewal applicant has completed the nursing workforce survey to the satisfaction of the board. In addition, current law requires each applicant for renewal to pay a nursing workforce survey fee of \$4.

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This bill creates similar statutes with respect to workforce surveys of persons seeking renewal of a license as a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, psychologist, physical therapist, physician assistant, pharmacist, or clinical social worker. The survey is to be developed jointly by the department of safety and professional services, the department of health services, and the department of workforce development. However, the bill does not include a workforce survey fee.

1 **SECTION 1.** 440.033 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **440.033 Health care provider workforce survey. (1) DEFINITION.** In this
3 section, "health care provider" means a dentist or dental hygienist licensed under s.
4 447.04, a physician or physician assistant licensed under s. 448.04, a physical
5 therapist licensed under s. 448.51, a pharmacist licensed under s. 450.03, a
6 psychologist licensed under s. 455.04 (1), and a clinical social worker licensed under
7 s. 457.08 (4).

8 **(2) SURVEY FORM.** The department, the department of health services, and the
9 department of workforce development jointly shall develop, and revise as those
10 agencies deem appropriate, one or more survey forms to gather data under ss. 447.05
11 (2), 448.07 (1m), 448.55 (4), 450.08 (3), 455.06 (2), and 457.20 (5). The data gathered
12 shall be used to assist the department of workforce development in evaluating the
13 supply of, demand for, and turnover among health care providers in this state and
14 whether there are regional shortages of health care providers, shortages of health
15 care providers in any specialty areas, or impediments to entering a health care
16 provider profession in this state, and shall be used to assist the department of health
17 services in identifying health professional shortage areas in this state.

18 **(3) SURVEY RESULTS. (a)** The department, the dentistry examining board, the
19 medical examining board, the physical therapy examining board, the pharmacy
20 examining board, the psychology examining board, and the marriage and family
21 therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board shall share the

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1 results of the survey with the department of health services and the department of
2 workforce development.

3 (b) Every 2 years, the department shall compile, process, and evaluate the
4 survey results and submit a report of its findings to the speaker of the assembly and
5 the president of the senate under s. 13.172 (3) and to the governor.

6 **SECTION 2.** 447.05 of the statutes is renumbered 447.05 (1).

7 **SECTION 3.** 447.05 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

8 447.05 (2) (a) The examining board shall require each applicant for the renewal
9 of a license as a dentist or dental hygienist, as a condition for renewing the license,
10 to complete and submit to the department with the application for renewal of the
11 license a workforce survey developed under s. 440.033 (2).

12 (b) The examining board may not renew a license of a dentist or dental
13 hygienist unless the renewal applicant has completed the workforce survey to the
14 satisfaction of the examining board. The examining board shall establish standards
15 to determine whether the survey has been completed.

16 **SECTION 4.** 448.07 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

17 448.07 (1m) WORKFORCE SURVEY. (a) The board shall require each applicant for
18 the renewal of a license as a physician or physician assistant, as a condition for
19 renewing the license, to complete and submit to the department with the application
20 for renewal of the license a workforce survey developed under s. 440.033 (2).

21 (b) The board may not renew a license of a physician or physician assistant
22 unless the renewal applicant has completed the workforce survey to the satisfaction
23 of the board. The board shall establish standards to determine whether the survey
24 has been completed.

25 **SECTION 5.** 448.55 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 448.55 (4) (a) The examining board shall require each applicant for the renewal
2 of a license as a physical therapist, as a condition for renewing the license, to
3 complete and submit to the department with the application for renewal of the
4 license a workforce survey developed under s. 440.033 (2).

5 (b) The examining board may not renew a license of a physical therapist unless
6 the renewal applicant has completed the workforce survey to the satisfaction of the
7 examining board. The examining board shall establish standards to determine
8 whether the survey has been completed.

9 **SECTION 6.** 450.08 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

10 450.08 (3) (a) The board shall require each applicant for the renewal of a license
11 as a pharmacist, as a condition for renewing the license, to complete and submit to
12 the department with the application for renewal of the license a workforce survey
13 developed under s. 440.033 (2).

14 (b) The board may not renew a license of a pharmacist unless the renewal
15 applicant has completed the workforce survey to the satisfaction of the board. The
16 board shall establish standards to determine whether the survey has been
17 completed.

18 **SECTION 7.** 455.06 of the statutes is renumbered 455.06 (1).

19 **SECTION 8.** 455.06 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

20 455.06 (2) (a) The examining board shall require each applicant for the renewal
21 of a license as a psychologist, as a condition for renewing the license, to complete and
22 submit to the department with the application for renewal of the license a workforce
23 survey developed under s. 440.033 (2).

24 (b) The examining board may not renew a license of a psychologist unless the
25 renewal applicant has completed the workforce survey to the satisfaction of the

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1 examining board. The examining board shall establish standards to determine
2 whether the survey has been completed.

3 **SECTION 9.** 457.20 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

4 457.20 (5) (a) The examining board shall require each applicant for the renewal
5 of a license as a clinical social worker, as a condition for renewing the license, to
6 complete and submit to the department with the application for renewal of the
7 license a workforce survey developed under s. 440.033 (2).

8 (b) The examining board may not renew a license of a clinical social worker
9 unless the renewal applicant has completed the workforce survey to the satisfaction
10 of the examining board. The examining board shall establish standards to determine
11 whether the survey has been completed.

12 (END)