2005 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 14

April 27, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Wieckert, Nischke, Jeskewitz, Gronemus, Pettis, Ainsworth, Ott, Gunderson, Petrowski, Vos, Stone, Hines, Musser and Hahn. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1	Relating to: asking the Wisconsin technical college system and the University of
2	Wisconsin System to collaborate to reduce the nursing shortage and reduce the
3	shortage of other health care occupation professionals.
4	Whereas, there is a health care crisis in Wisconsin caused by rising costs; and
5	Whereas, this crisis has left many Wisconsin citizens without health care; and
6	Whereas, high health care costs have added greatly to the cost of doing business
7	in Wisconsin, slowing down our state economy; and
8	Whereas, there are many forces that drive up the cost of health care, including
9	the shortage of nurses and other health care occupations; and
10	Whereas, there are many Wisconsin citizens who wish to become professionals
11	in the health care industry; and
12	Whereas, many learning institutions have long waiting lists of potential
13	students wanting to enter the health care professions; and
14	Whereas, the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin technical
15	college system employ some of the best and brightest citizens of this state: and

Whereas, Wisconsin needs the help of these institutions in finding ways to reduce these waiting lists and the shortage of health care professionals; and

Whereas, the assembly hopes that asking the technical college system and the University of Wisconsin System to collaborate to make recommendations to significantly reduce or eliminate the health care worker shortage will make further consideration of legislative action unnecessary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly asks the Wisconsin technical college system and the University of Wisconsin System to form an informal task force to make recommendations to the Wisconsin assembly on ways to reduce the nursing shortage and reduce the shortage of other health care occupation professionals; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin assembly asks for a white paper on recommendations to reduce the health care professional shortage from the task force of the University of Wisconsin System and Wisconsin technical college system by January 20, 2006; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the president of the Board of Regents and president of the University of Wisconsin System and the president of the technical college system board.

19 (END)