

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM

2022 REGULAR SESSION

Amend printed copy of SB 285/GA

On page 3, after line 27, insert the following:

"➔Section 2. The Commonwealth West Healthcare Workforce Innovation Center shall be established to provide accessible, healthcare-specific educational pathways in the western region of the state for postsecondary, high school, and nontraditional students to address decreased student enrollment in healthcare-related fields, resulting in expanding the pipeline of qualified healthcare workers and reducing the shortage of qualified medical staff across the Commonwealth.

➔Section 3. The center shall be a health education, innovation, and simulation facility located in Owensboro that offers a combination of instruction and hands-on experiential learning opportunities to students pursuing nursing and allied health credentials. The center shall be operated and maintained through a collaborative partnership between public and private organizations, including but not limited to Brescia University, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Henderson Community and Technical College, Hopkinsville Community and Technical College, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Madisonville Community and Technical College, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Western Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University-Owensboro, University of Louisville School of Nursing-Owensboro, and Owensboro Health, Inc.

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Sponsor: Rep. Jason Petrie

Committee Amendment: _____

Signed: _____

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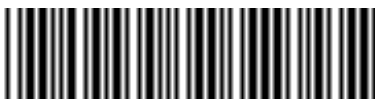
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➔Section 4. The center shall provide in-person and virtual didactic instruction and hands-on, experiential learning opportunities while offering career paths to address immediate workforce needs, including but not limited to nursing, nursing assistant, medical office assistant, radiology science, long-term care, social work, clinical psychology, behavioral health, laboratory services, paramedic, and community healthcare workers.

➔Section 5. The General Assembly shall provide funds for the initial start-up and operating costs of the center, including but not limited to faculty, personnel, facility, equipment, and furnishings in the form of a grant to be administered by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and distributed to the collaborating partners and organizations in accordance with the agreements established for the center.

➔Section 6. By January 1, 2023, and by November 1, 2024, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System shall provide a report to the Legislative Research Commission on the status of the center, including but not limited to operations, enrollment, expenditures, funding, and partnerships.

➔Section 7. Whereas the healthcare workforce shortage is a significant challenge for the Commonwealth and the provisions of this Act will help address the problem, an emergency is declared to exist and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law."