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1 3 AN ACT  
1 4 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIRECT CARE WORKER TASK  
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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 9 Section 1. DIRECT CARE WORKER TASK FORCE ==  
1 10 RECOMMENDATIONS == REPORT.

1 11 1. The Iowa department of public health shall convene a  
1 12 direct care worker task force to review the education and  
1 13 training requirements applicable to and to make  
1 14 recommendations regarding direct care workers. The Iowa  
1 15 department of public health shall provide administrative  
1 16 support for the task force.

1 17 2. The task force shall consist of twelve members  
1 18 including representatives of the direct care workforce, health  
1 19 care providers, consumer and disability advocates, and  
1 20 individuals involved in the education and training of direct  
1 21 care workers selected by the governor.

1 22 3. The task force shall also include the director or the  
1 23 director's designee of the Iowa department of public health,  
1 24 the department of human services, the department of elder  
1 25 affairs, and the department of inspections and appeals, and  
1 26 members of the general assembly as ex officio, nonvoting  
1 27 members.

1 28 4. The legislative members of the task force shall be  
1 29 appointed by the president of the senate, after consultation  
1 30 with the majority leader and the minority leader of the  
1 31 senate, and by the speaker of the house, after consultation  
1 32 with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house  
1 33 of representatives.

1 34 5. The task force shall select a chairperson from its  
1 35 membership. A majority of the members of the task force shall  
2 1 constitute a quorum.

2 2 6. The direct care worker task force shall do all of the  
2 3 following:

2 4 a. Identify the existing direct care worker  
2 5 classifications.

2 6 b. Review and outline the corresponding educational and  
2 7 training requirements for each direct care worker  
2 8 classification identified.

2 9 c. Determine the appropriate educational and training  
2 10 requirements for each direct care worker classification  
2 11 identified.

2 12 d. Recommend a process for streamlining the educational  
2 13 and training system for direct care workers.

2 14 e. Recommend a process for establishing a direct care  
2 15 worker registry by expanding the Iowa nurse aide registry to  
2 16 integrate direct care workers, and consider moving  
2 17 administration of the registry to the Iowa department of  
2 18 public health.

2 19 7. The task force shall submit a report of its  
2 20 recommendations regarding the issues specified in subsection 6  
2 21 to the governor and the general assembly no later than  
2 22 December 15, 2006.

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2 27 CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
2 28 Speaker of the House

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2 31 JOHN P. KIBBIE  
2 32 President of the Senate

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2 34 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
2 35 is known as House File 781, Eighty-first General Assembly.

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3 5 MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

3 6 Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2005  
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3 10 THOMAS J. VILSACK  
3 11 Governor